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U.S. OFFER TO ARBITRATE

Batavia, Aug. 17.
The Indonesian Republican Government has in effect rejected the United States' offer of "good offices" to settle the dispute between Indonesia and the Netherlands, says United Press despatches.

The Republican reply to the latest American note reiterated the earlier stand which accepted the American aid but urged the United Nations Security Council to set up an international arbitration commission.

In a slightly different version, however, Associated Press despatches said that the Indonesian Republic had "confirmed its acceptance of the United States' offer of good offices."

"At the same time, the Republic reiterated that this acceptance did not supersede the Republic's obligation to comply with any steps that might be taken by the UNO Security Council to find a solution," Associated Press added.

Deputy Foreign Minister Mohamed Tansil handed the Indonesian note to American Consul-General Walter Foote in reply to an American request for a specific response to the American offer.

The Dutch have already accepted a similar United States offer.

"Pending the decision of the Security Council," the Republic note said, "the Republic Government wishes to renew its pledges of confidence that with the power of the United States Government lies the possibility of finding a final solution of the Indonesian-Dutch conflict."

The note said further that the Republic had also accepted a similar offer from Australia but that, under the terms of this offer, the Government was not prevented from taking advantage of American aid.

"However," the note went on, "since the Republic originally applied to the UNO, it now feels obligated by the command of UNO and by any further steps that may be taken by the Security Council, particularly with regard to the dispatch of an arbitration commission to Indonesia."

At the same time President Sukarno, in a message to Indonesians today, said: "As long as independence is not fully in our hands there will be no security, no law and order and no peace in Indonesia."

He called upon Indonesians to defend their independence with "every possible means" and to transform their homes into fortresses under the com-

Shanghai Cabaret Owners Protest At Closure Order

Shanghai, Aug. 17.
Dancehall owners of Shanghai today petitioned to Mayor K.C. Wu to seek the cancellation of an order requiring the gradual closure of their establishments from September 1.

They point out that the order, issued in conformance with the National Government's new austerity programme, would throw 1,700 taxi-dancers and 15,000 other workers out of job and would deprive the city government of CN\$300,000 monthly in amusement taxes.

The delegation is ready to visit Nanjing to present their case to the authorities if Mayor Wu cannot help them.

The owners resented a suggestion by a city official that they could easily convert their establishments into warehouses.

The hostesses themselves did not take too kindly to another official suggestion that they should qualify themselves as hospital nurses by taking a three-month training course.—Associated Press.

Chiang Said To Direct Push On Tsinan Line

Nanking, Aug. 17.
Government forces, with air and armoured support and directed personally by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek from Nanking, have unleashed an offensive against the Communists along the Tsinan-Tsingtao railway and the triangle bounded by the railway, the Yellow River and Laichow Bay, according to semi-official reports.

The latest dispatches today said Government forces, advancing eastward from Tsinan, captured Changchun (30 miles east of Tsinan) and broke into the suburbs of Changling (railway station 60 miles east of Tsinan).

A second Government column, heading north-westward from Yifu (80 miles east of Tsinan), penetrated into the triangle where the main Communist force had been concentrated after they were ousted from the Central Shantung mountains.

A third Nationalist column, driving westward from Tsingtao, recaptured Kaomi (important railway station 35 miles north-west of Tsingtao).

The dispatches said the reopening of the whole length of the Tsinan-Tsingtao railway can be expected very shortly.

Statement

A high-placed military source, very close to the Generalissimo, said Chiang had taken over personal command of Nationalist operations in Shantung since June after Chief of Staff Gen. Chen Cheng was sent to plan Government campaigns in Manchuria.

When asked by United Press how the Generalissimo directed operations in Shantung from far-away Nanking, the source replied: "Believe it or not, He simply did it."

In Sinkiang

An air of alert preparation for any move by rebels under the former Moscow-educated school-teacher Achmadjan Kasimov to seize power in this rich vast hinterland province of China permeated Tihwa today. The provincial government under the Nanking-appointed Governor, Meaud Sabri, whom the rebels oppose, issued proclamations threatening severe penalties for murder plots against public officials and other subversive activities including spread of rumours tending to incite disorder.

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Engineer Leader Denies That Strike Is "Political"

"This struggle is the sole concern of the 13 branches of workmen represented by this Institute. It is purely an industrial dispute and has no political or other backing," said the Vice-Chairman of the Chinese Engineers Institute today.

"But," he added, "though several speakers have said they would bring their men out on strike in sympathy, if no satisfactory settlement is arrived at soon, I want to make it quite clear that on no account must you do this."

"This is our fight, the fight of the 13 branches of this Institute only, and we don't want to drag anybody else in. So long as you and the public believe in the justice of our cause, we are satisfied," he declared.

The Vice-Chairman of the Institute (Mr. Hon Man-wai) was addressing the representatives of 60 odd public and labour organisations who attended a reception at the Institute yesterday afternoon to hear an account from Institute officials of the history and cause of the strike, and the negotiations that had taken place before the final break.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman (Mr. Li Cheung) said that all appeals to the Labour Officer and employers had failed.

Discontent

Discontent among workers grew as they suspected that their plight was being ignored by employers.

On July 30 a personal call was made on the Labour Officer by the Chairman of the Institute. Two days later the Institute's Chairman was summoned to the Labour Officer's office and questioned as to the organisation of the Institute and whether in fact it represented the 13 branches of workmen as claimed.

Compensation Claimed For Po Kut Crash

Canton, Aug. 17.

The Canton-Hankow Railway Administration has forwarded a detailed report of the train disaster at Po Kut to the Ministry of Communications and has requested that adequate compensation be demanded from the British section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway.

In its report, the railway administration pointed out that the accident was caused by the dislocation of the wagons of the train sent out by the British section.

As the dislocated wagon train was managed by engineers of the British section, the report said, the responsibility for the disaster should be borne by the British authorities.

Four persons were killed and more than a score were injured when the passenger train collided with a freight train on Friday on the Kowloon-Canton Railway.

The mishap occurred at 8.20 p.m. some 28 kilometres north of the border.—Central News.

Prince On Perjury Charge

London, Aug. 16.
Prince Ferdinand, son of Prince Heinrich, the ex-Kaiser's son-in-law, whose funeral took place yesterday, is to appear before a British military court in Berlin on Monday to answer charges of having falsified his answers to a questionnaire on Nazi activities, Hamburg Radio said tonight.

He was arrested last night in Berlin at the request of the United States authorities who alleged that he joined the Nazi Party in 1932. Reuters.

U.S. Plans For Jap Peace

Washington, Aug. 17.

Authoritative sources said today that the United States is prepared to promote a 10-nation Japanese peace conference but that the peace pact will be drafted only by the Foreign Ministers Council.

The sources said that while the United States still "hopes" the Russians will reverse their position, American officials definitely have decided not to be blocked by Soviet opposition.

Sounding Out

They said officials in the past fortnight have been sounding out other members of the Far Eastern Commission in "informal discussions" to ascertain whether they would be willing to proceed without Russia.

They added that while all nations approached expressed the hope that the Russians could be brought in, indications were that they would back the United States in holding a conference without the Russians if the Soviet insisted on limiting any such parity to the Big Four of the Pacific—Britain, the United States, Russia and China.—A.P.

Arab And Jew "Armies" Poised In Palestine

Arab and Jewish "armies," well organised and well supplied with small arms and completely illegal, were mobilised tonight on either side of the Jaffa-Tel Aviv border as the Holy Land's racial war eased off on its seventh day.

The Jewish Hagana defence militia (on the Tel Aviv side) and the Arab Nejdah Youth Organisation (on the Jaffa side) were under orders from their leaders to enforce the peace—but to be alert for attacks from the other side.

The only fatal incidents in the troubled areas were the fatal stabbing of one Jew in the Jaffa-Tel Aviv border areas and the shooting of an Arab by an army patrol in the curfew area before dawn.

Warning
In Jerusalem, the Moslem Supreme Council—highest Moslem religious body in Palestine—today directed hundreds of preachers in cities and villages to warn the Arabs against "any rash acts" in the present tension between the Jews and Arabs.

The appeal asked the preachers to explain that the issue of Arab-Jew rioting was being dealt with by religious leaders and that it was the duty of believers—now celebrating the

THE WEATHER

At 0800 GMT (2 p.m. H.K.T.) a small depression was centred about 170 miles SW of Hong Kong moving NW at 5 to 40 knots. From an anticyclone over Japan a ridge of high pressure extended across the Philippines. Pressure is low over NW China, Siam and SE of the Caroline Islands.

Today's Forecast: Fresh NE winds, weather cloudy with occasional showers.

Yesterday's Weather:
Maximum 84.7 deg. Fah.
Minimum 74.4 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: 2.5 hours.
Rainfall: 19.1 mm. = 0.8 inch. Total since Jan. 1—1081.9 mm. as against an average of 166.1 mm.

Readings at:
10 a.m. 4 p.m.
Haro at sea: 100.1 107.8 m.h.
Haro at sea: 27.7 27.4 inches.
Rel. Humidity: 81 81 %
Dry Bulb: 74 74 deg. F.
Wind Direction: NW NW
Wind Force: 3 3 knots.

Zionists of stirring up the Arab-Jewish strife.

The Communist Arab League for National Liberation has sent a message to the United Nations, saying that Britain, with all its troops, cannot maintain order in the country and should therefore be deprived of the mandate over Palestine.

Communique

A Palestine Government communique issued tonight stated that severe action will be taken against any person, whether Arab or Jew, who attempts violence or breaks the peace.

The communique reported that security measures had been intensified in the area of the Arab city of Jaffa and the Jewish city of Tel-Aviv, following the recent disturbances.

The communique stated: "There can be no justification for individual acts of violence. The law is the law and the law is for all."

The High Commissioner therefore calls upon all members of the community to keep the peace, avoid provocation and to exercise restraint.—United Press, Associated Press and Reuters.

AUSTRALIAN ENVOY IN JAPAN RESIGNS POST

Australia's W. MacMahon Ball resigned as the British Commonwealth member on the Allied Council for Japan and head of the Australian mission here.

He asserted: "I felt I could not carry on under Dr. H. Evatt" (Australia's External Affairs Minister, who visited Tokyo recently).

Ball, a sceptic about the Allied occupation of Japan, said he gave Dr. Evatt his resignation while the latter was visiting General MacArthur to check on the progress of the occupation.

Former political science instructor at Melbourne University, Mr. Ball held his post for

elaborate at present on his resignation.

Ball several times at the Allied Council has disagreed with the American pronouncements on the occupation and progress made in democratizing Japan's people.

He disassociated himself with American Chairman George Atcheson, Jr. (Gen. MacArthur's deputy) when the latter said the Allied and Japanese aims were "virtually identical."

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ROBERT STEEN SMITH,
Secretary.

PRESS STRIKE HOLDS UP NEWS IN CHUNGKING

One thousand Chungking printers and typesetters, defying the Government strike ban, walked out for 100 percent high wages today. Ten Chungking morning newspapers failed to publish and eight afternoon papers were threatened.

The Ta Kung Pao, Hsin Min Pao and Hsin Hwa Jih Pao, reaching separate agreements, published. Kuomintang headquarters, holding an emergency meeting, offered to mediate.

Mayor Chang Tu-lun told the printers and typesetters that their strike was an open defiance of the Government's mobilization order and demanded that they walk out by midnight or the Government "would take necessary action."

The Mayor declined to specify what action he planned.

The warning came as representatives of the Chungking Printers Union, Chungking Municipal Government and the Kuomintang met in an emergency session at 5 p.m. in an attempt to work out a settlement. The Director of Social Affairs, Chao Kun-shen, represented the Municipal Government at the meeting.

The strikers, meanwhile, demanded that the three non-striking papers close down and join their walk-out.

A spokesman for the publishers claimed that they could not meet the strikers' demand for a 100 percent increase of present wages ranging from CN\$100,000 to CN\$400,000 monthly. He said that unless the strikers modified their demands a settlement was impossible.

Mayor Chang told the United Press that he has not yet communicated with Nanking regarding the strike.

Pakistan Moves To Join U.N.O.

Lake Success, Aug. 17.—An application for admission into the United Nations was received today from Pakistan.

The formal letter of application, arrived from Karachi at United Nations Headquarters today and was being dealt with by the Acting Secretary, Dr. Ivan Kerno.

The text will not be released until a copy is in the hands of each member of the Security Council.

The United Nations legal department, headed by Dr. Kerno, decided earlier this week that the new Dominion of India would continue to be an original member state of the United Nations, and that Pakistan, as a new state, would have to apply for membership.—Reuter.

New Jesuit Superior

The Very Rev. Thomas F. Ryan S. J. has been appointed Superior of the Irish Jesuit Fathers in Hong Kong.

Father Ryan was born in Cork, Eire, about sixty years ago.

He entered the Jesuit novitiate at the age of eighteen. Later he studied in the National University of Ireland, obtaining an M.A. degree.

He did his philosophical studies in Italy and then spent five years teaching in various Jesuit Colleges in Ireland.

He studied theology in Dublin and in France, during which time he was ordained a priest. After this he was for some years editor of various Catholic publications in Dublin, and very active in Social Welfare Work.

He came to Hong Kong in 1932.

He edited the monthly periodical "The Rock" and was on the staff of Wah Yan College. When Canton was occupied by the Japanese, he organized Relief activities for refugees in the New Territories.

During the siege of Hong Kong he worked in the Food Distribution Office in the Central Market.

When Hong Kong fell, he went to Kweilin where he was interested in placing Hong Kong boys in touch with British and American authorities.

From there he went to Chungking where he was in charge of the Catholic Welfare Association which was concerned with the distribution of funds to various hospitals.

On his return to Hong Kong after the liberation, Fr. Ryan took up a temporary position in the Forestry and Agriculture Departments.

He left here last April on short leave and is expected to return on August 24.

Australia Will Give Lead To Aid Britain

Sydney, Aug. 17.—After an emergency conference called by Premier J. B. Chifley, Australia can be expected to give the world a lead in granting Britain substantial assistance to overcome her economic crisis. The following three-point "Help Britain" programme will be adopted by Canberra, it is understood from an authoritative source:

(1) The freezing of Australia's credit balance in London of £178,000,000.

(2) The extension to Britain of long-term credits to cover an important part of raw materials for British industry. This is tantamount to giving the materials to Britain until she is on her feet again.

(3) Australia will accept slashing reductions in imports of goods from Britain, including motor cars, machinery, textiles, etc. which Australia really needs. This will enable Britain to export maximum products to dollar countries without worrying about balancing trade with Australia.

Sobering News

The opinion is widely held here that similar action by the other Dominions would tremendously relieve Britain's worries, and it is not doubted that broad hints to this effect will be given unofficially during the Commonwealth Conference in Canberra on Aug. 26.

Mr. Chifley's emergency conference at Canberra was attended by the Governor of the Commonwealth Bank, Mr. F. Wheeler and top Treasury and economic advisers. Mr. Chifley submitted reports of his exchanges of information with Mr. Dalton, also confidential reports from the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. S. G. McFarlane, who is now in London negotiating a settlement of Australia's sterling balances.

It is understood that the sum total of this information was sobering. Mr. Chifley has declined to make public details of decisions, but from other sources it is learned that the above-mentioned

H. Kong Chinese Talks

After lengthy and detailed discussions between representatives of the Chinese Government and the Hong Kong Authorities, agreement has been reached on mutual problems in the financial and economic spheres.

The arrangements concluded should greatly assist the Chinese Government in reinforcing its control over foreign trade and foreign exchange in South China; at the same time they take full account of Hong Kong's special position as an entrepot and afford valuable safeguards for the maintenance of her traditional trading interests.

The discussions, which have been conducted in a spirit of mutual good will and cooperation, provide for economic and financial collaboration in dealing with common problems and are to be welcomed as inaugurating a new phase in relations between Hong Kong and China.

The detailed measures to be enforced will be announced by the Hong Kong Authorities in the near future.

Personalia

Macao, Aug. 16.—Captain D. G. de Rosa Duque, veteran of World War I and dayer of Macao, passed away at his residence this morning at an advanced age. The popular director of A Voz de Macao, Captain Rosa Duque had been a champion of the cause of justice in Macao and the poor found in him always a ready protector. His death is regretted by many.—Our Own Correspondent.

The following appointments were gazetted yesterday: Mr. J. H. Wilson to be Principal, Queen's College; Mr. L. G. Morgan to be a Senior Inspector of Schools.

The report adds that His Excellency will, after the visit, proceed to Nanking where he will call on Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and other Chinese leaders.

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JAP PREMIER APPEALS TO HIS NATION

Tokyo, Aug. 17.—Japan will resolve her economic ills within the next six months or become a "serious economic burden on the world," Premier Tetsu Katayama told his people today in an appeal for national cooperation in the face of present difficulties.

In a soberly worded statement, Katayama declared: "The economic future of Japan will be at stake for the next six months with only two roads open. The first would place the nation's economy on a sound foundation which would lead to a better and brighter life.

"The other road would lead us to self-destruction with Japan becoming a serious economic burden on the world." His statement somewhat dimmed the optimism and enthusiasm which has stirred this country in the past week as a result of the reopening of limited foreign trade and the announcement that Japan would be able to borrow on the \$137,000,000 worth of precious gems and metals which SCAP has in custody here.

He classified those two factors as "good omen for a brighter and better future" but reminded his countrymen they must "bear all the hardships of the present and work hand-in-hand with each other in tiding the nation over the current economic crisis."

He made these comments on major current problems:

National economic situation and the people's livelihood—improvements cannot be expected overnight. There are many economic ills which must be cured.

Food—shortages do not apply to Japan alone. The Japanese must consider themselves fortunate in having received aid from the Allies.

Prices—The Government raised official prices recently to prevent hoarding, increase production and prevent runaway inflation.

Wages—if the Government boosted wages over living costs "it would mean the same as suicide in the face of inflation."

Production—Industry is operating in the "red" but production must be increased especially in the basic industries such as coal and steel.

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Two Cherubs Armed With Tommy Guns

Belgrade, Aug. 17.—Two cherubs with toy tommyguns guard the red-starred gate to a children's paradise.

Under the spreading limbs of an oak, a merry-go-round which as if forever.

The woods echo with the bounding strains of a Cossack dance. Ball fields and sandboxes are crowded.

But it is a serious business entering the promised land.

The guards, one of whom has blonde phidias and a pinhead skirt, was on the lookout for parents who try to sneak in for more than the one allotted visit per week.

Their tommyguns look quite realistic. They cost \$1.98 at a State toy store in Belgrade.

Here in a new camp in the former royal suburb Dednje, Yugoslav "pioneers" aged 7 to 14, have what they call a republic.

Their older brothers and sisters, from the anti-Fascist Youth Association, helped build it. Teachers from the People's Front supervise it.

For \$4, if they can afford it, or otherwise gratis, children come here for 15-day outings from the city.

The carefree republic, its sponsors say, is a sample of the good life which Yugoslavia is going to enjoy in increasing measure from Marshal Tito's five-year plan.—Associated Press.

FROM HELD FOR STABBING

A Chinese male was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital early yesterday morning suffering from stab wounds when he was attacked by unknown assailants outside 288, Des Voeux Road Central. It is understood that four arrests were subsequently made.

Letters From Readers

Just "Coolie"

Sir,—Very disconcerting to Chinese ears is the contemptible "coolie" classification of the poorer Chinese classes.

Any Chinese individual which poverty deprives of the basic necessities to appear "decent" goes down before the eyes of the "higher classes."

No only foreigners but their own brethren condemn these poor "underdogs." It is not an uncommon sight to see these ragged specimens of humanity being kicked around capriciously.

It has almost become a bad habit of certain public servants, whose abuse of authority has led to perverted public opinion of their respective services.

To think of it all—only a clean shirt and a pair of trousers, with serviceable shoes, are the only requirements to graduate from the "coolie" category—that is, in accordance with the common interpretation of that word among foreigners.

The author made a cursory survey and learned what these "untouchables" have to say: A random subject—a wharf labourer, who earns from \$15 to \$25 a day—when asked what he thinks of a foreigner calling him "coolie," expressed amusement: "What's wrong with it anyway?" An explanation of its interpretation ruffles not this father of three in his total indifference to whatever concept others may have for that "despicable" term. "They can call me anything. What do I care if I don't see any harm in it. As long as they pay me well for my work I'm satisfied. What's in a name, anyhow?"

This is from a 30-year-old Chinese who has been working for more than 10 years as a transportation labourer along Hong Kong and Kowloon wharves. He turns up for work in a patched singlet, khaki shorts and a face towel—a vital necessity, when working under a burning sun. The family live frugally, but on a diet that contains all the vitamins and proteins that doctors would prescribe. They seldom get sick. Despite their unpleasant environment—sharing an old house with four other "as rich" families—they are very happy in their own simple ways—honesty, hard working and loving. (Would God want a better character in this world-stage of ill creation?)

Visiting a dilapidated building in one of the streets of Kowloon, where the inmates (about 13) look more like refugees than honest, hard-working citizens (in their own way), the author talked with several to discover a wealth of joys and sorrows, hidden hitherto in that squalid dwelling.

A 29-year-old Northern Chinese was doing well as a cigarette vendor when he was caught in a police dragnet during one of the frequent raids on hawkers. That incident involved "some hard-earned cash, which led to my bankruptcy." With two children and a wife to support, this hefty Northerner eked out a living by lifting passengers on a hired bicycle at night. "I can't be held," I have to get some money and without capital this is the only way that I can earn something, presently. At

though it may appear illegal to the Police, still no one can deny it is honest work.

(Many Kowloonites "stranded" after the 12.30 a.m. deadline of the bus service find it imperative and cheaper to take one of these "elusive nocturnal riders.")

More fortunate is a short, genial "coolie" who had saved his rickshaw pulling earnings over 10 years and is running a prospering fruit-salt, now. "They have been calling our type by that name for generations. Why should I care what they say if they don't cause trouble—that is by paying reasonable fares. Some of course, are unbearable to the pullers. These people think we are animals and a few cents would suffice for our menial service. When soft words fail to ask for more, it invariably leads to hot words—and that's when we pullers get the bad name. Anybody would feel the same thing if he were in our place. But we know, we're doing a good job. Imagine the inconveniences the public would undergo under strong heat and heavy rain without rickshaws."

Then there's a 45-year-old painter who was interned by the Japanese and put together with some Europeans, with whom he cultivated a year-long friendship by teaching them Chinese. "I do my 'white friends' occasionally. They are some big shots now, while I'm still the coolie earning a few honest dollars carrying fish off junkies and doing painting work now and then."

Single, this man has been saving over the past two years and said in no-time "I'll be able to buy a farm in my home village in South China and get married and retire."

Queried about his European friends he echoed disgruntledly: "Do they recognize me? At least they could do something—get me a decent job."

"Why don't you approach them?"

"I met one of them while cleaning the harbour and tried to enter into conversation with him. But the coldness and taciturnity that greeted me was far too much even for a 'coolie'."

Three teenagers are peddling the streets with pilfered goods. "What else can we do. Office work? You may have a chance if you've got relatives in those places. We don't have them. The trouble," one, begrudgedly said, "is the Police. You get

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Small Town Has Extra Big Debts

Shaffron Waldron, Aug. 16.

This little Essex township admitted today that it was having as much difficulty meeting the terms of its private loan from the United States as the Labour Government.

Early in 1945 the 65th Fighter Wing of the U.S. Air Force presented the Town Council with some US\$22,000 for an Anglo-American war memorial park and sports centre, but a condition of the gift was that the townpeople raise an equal amount by 1950.

Alderman Stanley Wilson, mayor when the Americans came to town, said today "We have raised only the equivalent of US\$5,200. Now that the crisis has come we cannot raise any more money. Our population is only 6,000 and we shall have to ask the Americans to let us keep their money until we can afford to proceed with the scheme."

"Little can be done by 1950, and it may take 25 years to raise the money. It will be primarily a memorial to American fighter pilots, and we shall keep faith with them somehow."—United Press.

Ships' Contracts Cancelled

San Francisco, Aug. 16.—Moving to protect Government funds in a rapidly falling world shipping market, the Maritime Commission today abruptly cancelled all contracts under which private shipping companies chartered Government-owned vessels for world trade.

The Commission action was revealed when the local Commission office received a telegram from Washington.

The action is expected to greatly reduce American tonnage engaged in international shipping. It is expected the move also would result in widespread but temporary disruption of shipping schedules and shipments of vital supplies to foreign nations.

The new terms by which shipping companies could re-charter vessels are expected to be announced within a few days. It is expected, however, that the terms of the new contracts would not be so liberal as those granted in the past.

Ships chartered for inter-coastal and coastwise shipping are not affected by the order.

Unused Ships

In Washington, Rear Admiral W. W. Smith, chairman of the Maritime Commission, confirmed the cancellation of contracts.

Admiral Smith said the action would enable the Commission to find out how many companies want to stay in business and operate their own ships, he said.

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WINSTON CHURCHILL WARNS BRITAIN OF GRAVE TIMES AHEAD

London, Aug. 16. Britain's wartime Prime Minister and leader of the Conservative Party, Mr. Winston Churchill, tonight "solemnly warned" the nation that if they submitted to totalitarian compulsion and regimentation, "there lies before you an almost measureless prospect of misery and tribulation."

Broadcasting from the study of his Kent home where he wrote many of his wartime speeches, Mr. Churchill accused the Labour Government of gross mismanagement; spending the American dollar loan unwisely and imprudently; putting Party faction and class prejudice before the needs of the nation, and of proposing measures far below what was necessary to cope with the country's acute economic crisis.

He offered as his own alternative an intense struggle of life based on competitive selection. "It is only by a personal effort, free enterprise and ingenuity, with all its risks and failures, with all its unequal prizes and rewards, that anything like 47,000,000 people can keep themselves alive in this small island," he declared.

Denouncing the return of certain wartime compulsions announced by the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, in last week's "crisis debate" in Parliament, Mr. Churchill said that neither he nor, he believed, the Conservative Party, nor the liberal-minded Conservatives, Liberals or Socialists, would accept it as part of Britain's peace-time system.

He made a special appeal to half-million people who, he said, had applied to emigrate to the Dominions and the Americas to "stay behind and fight it out."

Anti-Climax

Mr. Churchill replied to the Prime Minister's broadcast call to the nation last Sunday. He said: "After what we went through in the war, everything to me is an anticlimax and I only have to say and do what I conceive to be best in the national interest."

It was, and remained, the bounden duty of everyone to help the new Labour Government in any truly national policy, but "unhappily, these men called to the anxious task of setting the country on its feet again were obscured by Party faction and class prejudice and they cared far more for pleasing their own extremists than for solving the grim problems of the aftermath which besets us all."

"I do not blame them so much for the mistakes they have made — many and curious though they may be. I blame them for their wrongful choice or caring more for their Party theories and dogma than about the revival of our strength and giving of comfort and hope to so many millions of cottages and homes."

Socialist Failure

"Of course it is easy to say that others would have done better when that cannot be proved. But there can be no dispute about the Socialist failure or its gravity."

"When we remember that there are 400,000 more people at work than in 1939, that food can be grown at home much easier with improved agricultural machinery, that there is more machinery in our coal-mines, that the seas are open and that there were never so many ships afloat upon them and that we have had easement of the American loan, it is hard to believe that there has not been gross mismanagement, or that we have not been put to an avoidable hardship and privation."

"Moreover, the remedies now proposed are deemed on all sides

far below what is necessary to bridge the gap between imports and exports, and, finally, the loan itself has been unwisely and imprudently spent, thus shortening the breathing space which we hoped it would provide."

He compared Mr. Attlee's assertion that Britain was moving into a new social system in which the fear of unemployment and destitution was being removed, with placards covering the walls of the country, and announcing "We Work Or Want."

Compulsion

Mr. Attlee said that the incentive for service must be developed, but this, declared Mr. Churchill, was being done by compulsion.

"The direction of labour, the restriction of the right of free engagement, the denial of the right of every man to choose or change his employment as he thinks fit — all these rights are now assailed or threatened."

"The ordinary incentives having been destroyed, wartime compulsion is to be substituted. Yet this is clearly a necessary foundation for socialism."

"I am shocked that two years after all fighting has stopped, the Socialist Government tells us that we must have these various forms of industrial conscription."

"I must make it absolutely clear that I will not support it as part of our peace-time system, nor, I believe will the great Party which I have the honour to lead, nor will liberal-minded men and women Conservatives, Liberals or Socialists accept this altogether un-British conception."

"Before such a departure from our British standards could be made in time of peace, not only Parliament but the people must be consulted."

"Stay And Fight"

"I read and am told that after two years of Socialist rule, half a million of our people have applied to emigrate from this island to Canada, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, and that several hundred thousand more want to go to the United States or South America."

"There must be among our most lively and active citizens in the prime of life. And this is happening at a time when we are scouring Europe for twenty or thirty thousand or more of the unfortunate displaced persons of the great war to come in to swell our labour force."

"I say to those who wish to leave this country — stay here and fight it out. If we work together with brains and courage as we did in the days not long ago, we can make this country fit for all our people. Do not desert the old land. We cannot spare you."

"This socialist attempt at conscription of labour as a condition of our country in time of peace is only a passing phase. Britain will rise again in all her strength and freedom."



MR. CHURCHILL

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Solemn Warning
"I am sure it is only by personal effort, free enterprise and ingenuity, with all its risks and failures, with all its unequal prizes and rewards, that anything like 47,000,000 people can keep themselves alive in this small island, dependent as it is for half its food on selling high quality goods and rendering necessary services to the rest of the world."

"I warn you solemnly that if you submit yourself to totalitarian compulsion and regimentation of our national life and labour, there lies before you an almost measureless prospect of misery and tribulation of which a lower standard of living will be the first result, hunger second, and the dispersal or death of a large proportion of our population the third."

"On the other hand, I offer you no easy passage. The intense struggle for life will have to be made by all. Many will be wounded and faint or fall in our supreme effort to keep our national body and soul together."

"These we will succour from our growing strength. The strong will go back to help the weak, instead of attacking capital we will attack monopoly."

"Instead of imposing restrictions and controls, we will attack restrictive practices of all kinds. It is only along the path of freedom that Britain can win her salvation."—Reuter.

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COLLISION OFF YORKSHIRE

London, Aug. 16. The 527-ton ship Lady Anstruther sank today following a collision in fog-shrouded Bridlington Bay, Yorkshire, with the 2,000-ton Keltie. The entire crew of the Lady Anstruther was taken aboard the Keltie.—United Press.

Old Law Gave Him Respite

Pilsen, Aug. 17. Alfred Baumann, 45-year-old farmer, was saved at least temporarily from death by hanging because of an old Czech law that a man must not be executed on Sunday or a holiday.

His was the last case before the special post-liberation National Court here. It convicted him of collaboration and sentenced him to die that same day.—Sunday.

His counsel appealed against the Sunday exception. It was put off until Monday. But that was a legal holiday—celebrating the anniversary of Czechoslovakia's liberation—and the execution was postponed until Tuesday.

But then he could not be hanged on conviction by the National Court. A National and People's Court jurisdiction had expired the day before. Now he either must be freed—or again tried under the legal ordinary criminal courts of the land.—Associated Press.

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Prince Wants A Job

New Delhi, Aug. 17. "WANTED — A good paying job with a future for a prince with personality but no previous business experience."

This item has not appeared in any advertising columns, but it could apply to an Indian Sikh, Ganendra Singh.

Singh, the sixth brother of the Maharajah of Patiala and Kanwar (Prince) in his own right, has decided that idleness and support by state income makes for "a useless life with no future."

He finds it boring and tedious. So he has decided to support himself and live outside the princely state.

Although three wartime years of service with the Indian Navy brought the prince (better known as Richard) an officer's commission he is ready to say he has no business sense. He blames his education for this.

Now 29 years of age, Richard is uncertain about the type of job he wants.

But because of the family position, he wants work in which he can retain his dignity. The Maharaja not only gave him a blessing to this venture but has questioned a leading Indian businessman about a possible position for Richard.

With the first money he earns, Richard wants to buy new clothing. He had only a little civilian apparel when he got out of the Navy whites recent.—Associated Press.

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Monsoon Havoc In Ceylon

Colombo, Aug. 16. Nineteen were feared to have lost their lives so far in 50-mile-an-hour gales and unusually wet monsoon weather in Ceylon which have washed away railway lines and roads, cut communications, and which threaten the island with record floods.

Nine were killed when a huge mass of rock hurtling down a ravine smashed three motor vehicles. In a village near here, 10 were reported swept away by the floods.

People in the northern suburbs of Colombo, where the river Kelani is in flood, have been warned by broadcast messages to be ready to evacuate their homes at a moment's notice.

Ships were today standing outside the harbour waiting for the gales to subside before entering port.

Dykes Burst
The river Kelani, which skirts Colombo's northern suburbs, burst its dykes today, eight miles from the city, and flooded the surrounding country.

Police and relief authorities evacuated residents from the flooded areas and accommodated them in churches and schools.

The breach, a minor one, is expected to relieve the pressure on the dykes in northern Colombo itself.

The river is still rising at the rate of an inch an hour, however, and has reached 11 feet 10-1/2 inches—only one-and-a-half inches below the danger point.

Irrigation authorities are reinforcing the dykes with sandbags.—Reuter.

Mexican Hurricane

Tampico, Mexico, Aug. 17. Tampico, a flooded city without power or transportation, nursed its hurricane hurts last night as rain continued.

The Panuco River, which flows through Tampico to the Gulf of Mexico and surrounding lakes, was on the rise. Thousands who took refuge elsewhere during the hurricane returned to their homes to find portions of the city under water.

The hurricane, which struck the coast on a 100-mile front, has disintegrated into strong winds, leaving a casualty list of three known dead, 19 injured and considerable property damage.—Associated Press.

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A General Meeting of members will be held at the office, 3rd floor, Union Building, 21 Pedder Street, on Monday, Aug. 18th, 1947, at 4 p.m.

GEORGE T. LLOYD,
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CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL

The Autumn Term will commence on Monday, September 15th.

An Entrance Examination for new pupils will be held at the School on Tuesday, September 2nd, from 9.30 a.m. to noon.

Transport will be provided from the Star Ferry, Kowloon, at 9.00 a.m.

Applications for admission to the school should be made to the Principal not later than Monday, August 25th. No candidate will be allowed to take the Entrance Examination unless such application has been made.

In view of the large number of applications already received, parents desiring admission for children who have not yet arrived in the Colony are asked to register their names as early as possible, stating age, particulars of previous education, and approximate date of arrival.

W. MULCAHY,
Principal.

Hongkong, 18th August, 1947.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME

We, China Hellenic Lines Limited, G/O Brutton & Co., Solicitors, Windsor House, hereby give notice that in conformity with owners nomenclature we have applied to the Minister of Transport, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the Steamship "Empire Bulbul" of HONG KONG REGISTRY Official Number 147002 Gross tonnage 567 tons Register tonnage 279 tons, heretofore owned by Emm. Yannoulatos (Far East) Limited, 6 Mitre Street, London, E.C. 3 for permission to change her name to "Hellenic Bulbul" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of HONG KONG as owned by China Hellenic Lines Limited.

Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the REGISTRAR OF SHIPPING at HONG KONG within SEVEN days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at HONG KONG the 18th day of August 1947.

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Polio Outbreak Spreading

London, Aug. 16.

Britain's current infantile paralysis epidemic showed another serious turn today with the publication of figures showing that 568 cases were reported in England and Wales during the week ended Aug. 9. The totals for the two previous weeks were 448 and 302 respectively.

In 1946, the total for the whole year was 600—only 38 more than the number registered last week. Doctors say that the incidence of the disease has been intensified by the fine warm weather which the whole of Britain has been enjoying almost without a break for a fortnight.

The disease has spread across the Irish Sea, and four new cases were reported in Belfast, bringing the total number in the city alone to 36.

Up till today, 127 cases had been reported for the week in Scotland.—Reuter.

German Outbreak

Berlin, Aug. 16.

One hundred cases of infantile paralysis have been reported in greater Berlin, a spokesman of the health service of the United States Military Government announced today. Only three of the cases occurred in the United States sector. About 75 children were reported to be suffering from the disease in the Soviet sector of the capital. All parents have been requested to take care that their children should not get over-tired. Doctors have been advised to avoid operations.—Reuter.

SOCIALISTS DISAGREE OVER EVA PERON

Lyons, Aug. 16.

A lively exchange of words took place over Socialist participation in the recent welcome in Paris to Madame Peron, wife of the President of Argentina, during the Socialist Party Congress here today.

M. Pivert, Socialist delegate from the Seine department, attacked M. Vergnolles, President of the Paris City Council, for taking part in the reception.

"Our comrade M. Vergnolles was well disposed to receive the wife of the Argentine dictator," M. Pivert said. "For us Socialists that is a veritable scandal."

Speaking in his own defence M. Vergnolles told the Congress: "I do not believe that I am alone in this affair. I attended some receptions organised in Paris in honour of Madame Peron and in the company of high personalities. There exist in France some old traditions of courtesy yet, Madame Peron is not Senor Peron. Several of our friends have indeed shaken the hands of M. and Madame Bogomolov (the Soviet Ambassador to Paris), and was not Senor Peron elected by an honest ballot?"

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YOUR MEDALS ARE SAFE

London, Aug. 16.
One of the problems arising from abolition of the Indian Empire and creation of the Dominions of India and Pakistan, is that of the future of Indian decorations such as the Star of India. This, like many other minor questions entailed in the change of status, will have to be decided by the governments of the two new Dominions.
Reuter learned today that the change to Dominion status will not affect existing holders of Indian Empire decorations and orders.—Reuter.

Cabinet To Meet On Indo-China

Paris, Aug. 16.

A full session of the Cabinet will probably be called over the week-end to be told of the progress made during the ministerial conference on the future of French Indo-China.

The conference, attended by M. Paul Ramadier, the Premier, M. Marius Moutet, Colonial Minister, M. Jules Moch, Minister of Transport, and M. Felix Gouin, Minister of State, adjourned this afternoon until Monday.

No official statement was made concerning the nature of the talks.

During this morning's session the conference heard part of a report to be continued on Monday by M. Emile Bollaert, High Commissioner to Indo-China, who arrived in Paris by air last night for the meeting.

Today's adjournment was made to allow M. Ramadier, M. Moutet, M. Moch and M. Gouin to return by air to Lyons for the afternoon session of the Socialist Party.—Reuter.

MILLIONS OF INDIANS FACE DEATH FROM STARVATION

Call For Help By Food Minister

New Delhi, Aug. 16.

Famine, recurrent curse of India, is in the headlines again. More than 150,000,000 Indians today are slowly starving. They get between 220 and 330 grammes of rice, wheat, or birdseed daily — about 1,000 calories. Nutrition experts estimate that 2,200 calories are the minimum for health.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Food Minister of the Interim Government, said "we need all the assistance we can get. The cropless months of August, September and October are worse."
A food official who spends much time devising ways and means of squeezing the last ounce of cereals out of the farmers to feed the cities said, "There are too many of us. We must produce less babies and more food."

Another senior food official said that if India was to maintain the ratio scale of 225 grammes this year she needed at least 2,000,000 tons of imported grain.

Sacred Cow

The economics of the partition of India have accentuated the food problem. Moslems with millions of arable acres and rice surplus in the northwest zone of Pakistan are at least assured of food. But the new Dominion of India is threatened with the prospect of freedom without food. There are millions of white cows wandering about the streets and back yards, and fields—yet there are millions of Indians without milk. Seventy cows and female buffaloes out of every 100 are so ill-fed that they yield no milk. Most of the others give 30 per cent of what they should produce.

India has almost one-third of the world's cattle population—200,000,000 out of 700,000,000—yet in every city people fight for garbage and beg, slapping their empty stomachs. But the Hindus will not eat beef. Millions would rather die from starvation than kill a cow in defiance of the religious ban.

Idle Land

Lending caste Hindus are pressing for the observance in Britain as well as in India and Pakistan, of "Cow Day," dedicated to the abolition of cow slaughter. Though seven out of every ten Indians work on the land, their produce is insufficient to sustain the urban areas. A lean corpse cluttering the gutter is still a familiar sight.
Though India is bigger than the continent of Europe, excluding Russia, much of her land is mountainous and rocky, low and marshy, dry and sandy or otherwise non-productive. Nevertheless it is stated that three-quarters of her land is capable of growing something. But about 60,000,000 hectares lies idle.—Reuter.

Higher And Faster Air Services

Melbourne, Aug. 17.

Lord Nathan, British Minister of Civil Aviation, today predicted that "Britain will lead the world in aviation when her present anticipations are fulfilled."

He added that "we intend to see that British aircraft fly in all the skies of the world and that they fly with greater safety and comfort and higher and faster than those of other nations."

A \$30,000,000 plan, when completed, will make London's main airport the "most comprehensive air terminal in the world," he said in an interview.—Associated Press.

British Share Of Reparations

Hamburg, Aug. 16.

Details of German industrial plants valued at about £875,000, allocated to Britain as reparations, were given in a statement issued here today from the inter-Allied reparation agency in Brussels.

More than 80 per cent of the machines of the Stuttgart plant went to Britain, it was reported, along with chemical material from Dusseldorf and heavy plants from Hamburg and Dortmund.

India received the whole of a special machine tool works in the United States zone, with the exception of new machines. The United States and New Zealand have been allocated all

the plant of Danawerke, former air-gun factory in the French zone, which during the war produced arms and was afterwards engaged on re-fabricated houses. The reparation agency's statement also said that out of the total allocation of 750,000 tons of merchant shipping, valued at £12,000,000, Britain had received 849,867 tons valued at £8,385,700, as well as ship scrap, ships, and other equipment.—Reuter.

BURMA'S WORST FLOODS

Rangoon, Aug. 16.
Probably the highest flood on record is now passing down the Irrawaddy and Chindwin rivers.

The announcement said that extensive areas under rice cultivation are likely to be inundated and damaged in the Irrawaddy delta area, south of Rangoon.—Reuter.

Mediation Proposal Adopted

Quintandinha,

Brazil, Aug. 17.

The 20-nation inter-American conference today unanimously approved a proposal for mediation of the five-month-old Paraguayan civil war.

Messages will be sent to both sides asking prompt cessation of hostilities.

Argentina reaffirmed her demand for swift economic aid and co-operation in the hemisphere.

The Argentine Foreign Minister, Juan Bramuglia asked the delegates "If we were able in defence of world peace far from our shores to offer economic help and co-operation to countries needing it, why cannot we do the same within America?"

Bramuglia said such a programme would be "the compromise of America with America which will allow us after it has been accomplished to offer to the men of the world in stormy painful hours a refuge and source of new creative energies."—Associated Press.

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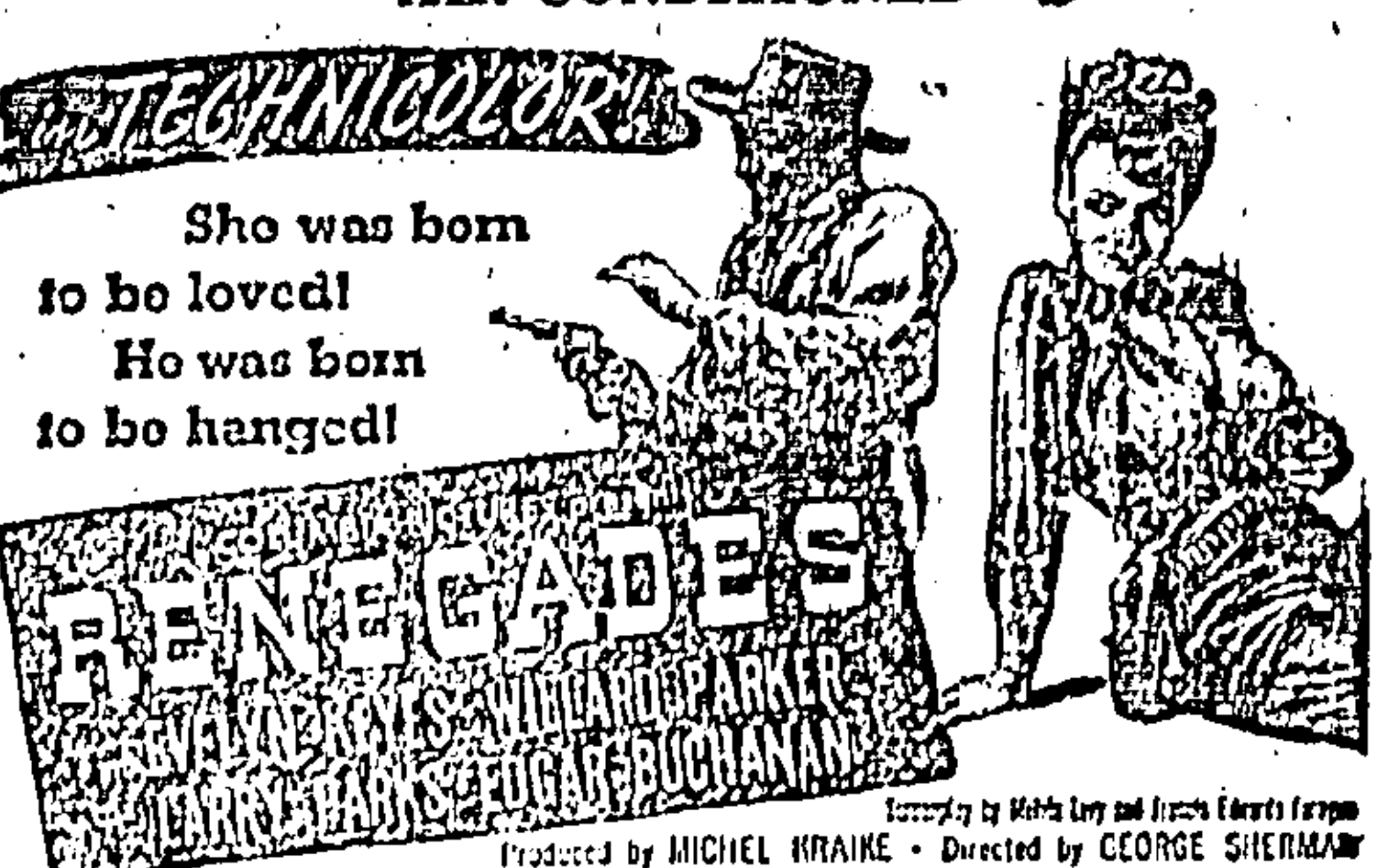
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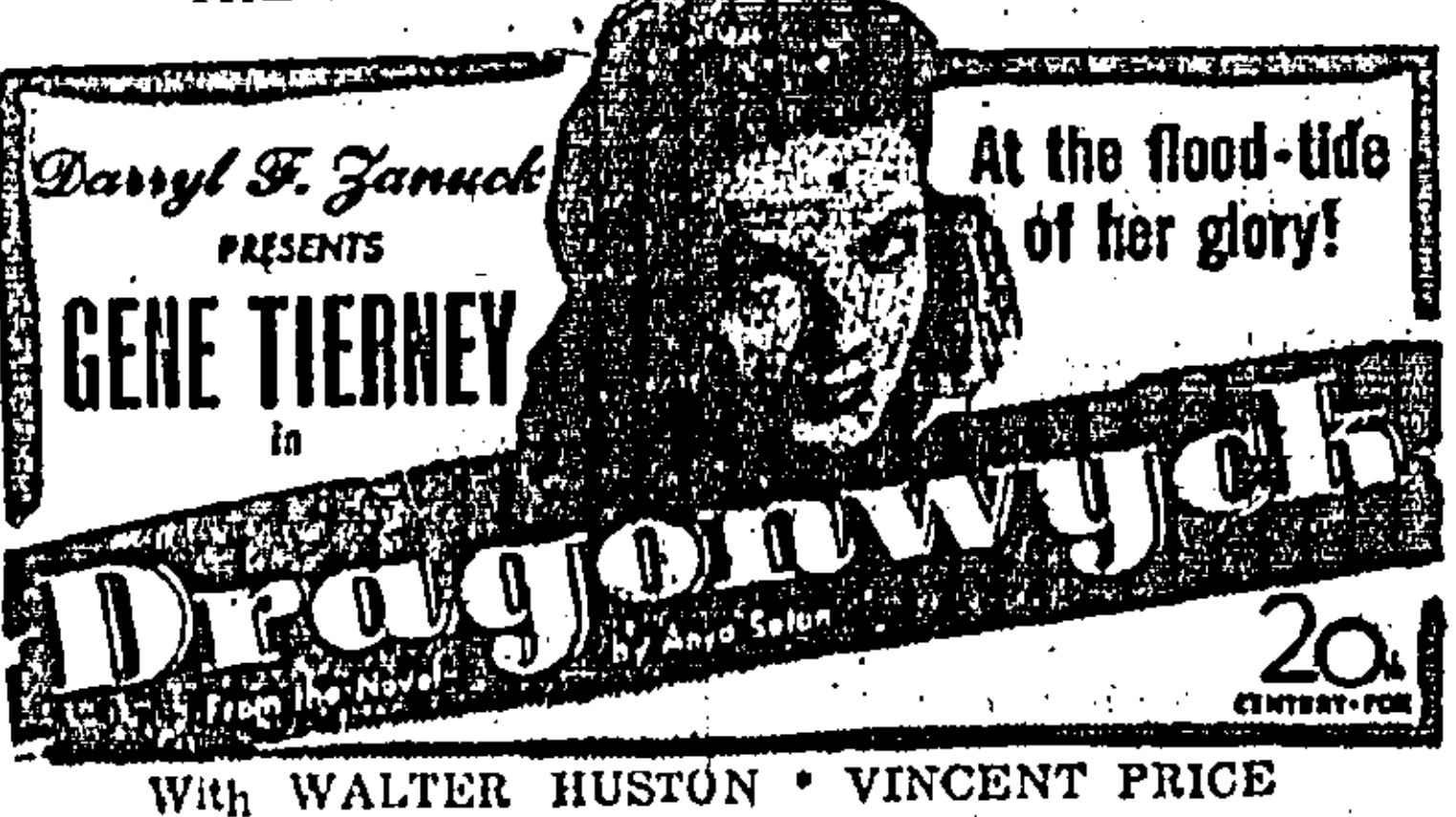
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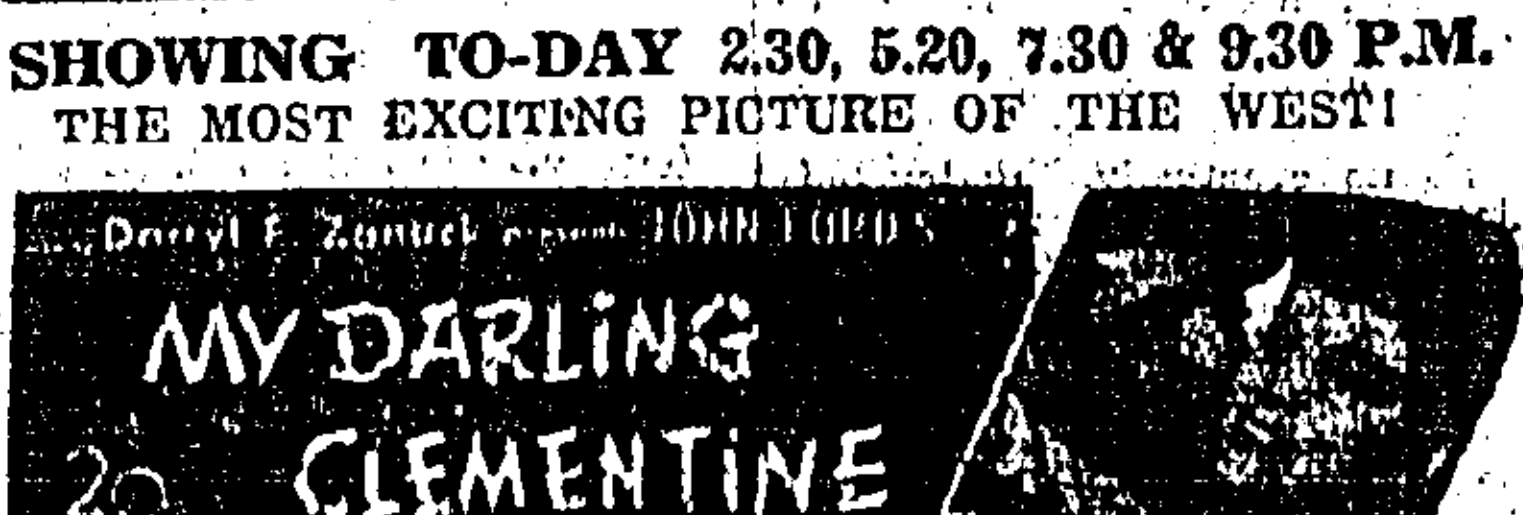
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Well, He Graduated

Shanghai, Aug. 17. Police are looking for a thief who stole a Chinese woman's handbag while she dined in a public park here, then wrote her a letter directing her to the spot where she could find her keys.

The woman retrieved her keys but still missing are her cash and bonds to the value of US\$2,050, a wrist watch and other articles.

In his note the thief wrote he had helped himself because he needed money for tuition. He signed himself "a university student." — Associated Press.

Reunion Held In Scotland

Barnhill, Angus, June 20. Former Hong Kong residents at present in Scotland held a reunion at the Woodland Hotel, Barnhill, today, with Supt. Peter Grant (retired) in the chair.

Mr. Grant said it was the first meeting of old Hong Kong residents and it would become an annual affair. Next year's meeting probably would be held at Aberdeen.

Another speaker was Mr. Robert Watt, who retired 25 years ago. Mr. Watt gave some interesting reminiscences dating as far back as 1897.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. J. Orr, Mr. and Mrs. P. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kincaid, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hendrick, Mr. and Mrs. J. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. R. Watt, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Watt, Mr. and Mrs. G. Watt, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fowley, Mr. and Mrs. W.

FATHER'S PLEA IN "PRANK" KILLING CASE

Nanking, Aug. 17. Wang Kuo-hua, father of one of the two Chinese allegedly pushed into the river on the city's edge by two GIs, today asked the American court martial to provide support for his family because his only son was murdered by the defendant, Cpl. Frank W. Aldrich.

Called as a prosecution witness, Wang said emotionally, "The United States is a powerful Allied friend. You (the court) should provide for my family. I lost my only son on whom the whole family depended for support."

The sad-faced father then turned, bowed low to the spectators and asked for their sympathy. He was dismissed as the court ruled that his statement should not be admitted in record as formal evidence.

The two American witnesses, who testified yesterday that they saw Aldrich push one Chinese into the river, were recalled today.

Under question, they admitted that conversations between the occupants in the jeep, in which Americans were riding on the night of the death of the two Chinese, took place between the river and the river bridge but could not recall what was said or by whom.

Saw Incident
Two other Chinese witnesses, summoned by the prosecution, told the court that they saw two Chinese thrown into the river. The first witness, a watermelon vendor, Wen Yu-yung, a friend of the victim, Wang Shou-pen, said he saw one man being pushed into the river but did not know who did it.

The other witness, Yin Jui-sheng, said he saw two men

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U. S. TELLS SOVIET MANY WILL WRITE JAP PEACE

Washington, Aug. 17. The United States has told Russia politely but firmly that the Japanese peace treaty will be written by a conference of many nations, not just the Big Four—and the Soviets can take it or leave it.

The move apparently is designed to avoid a deadlock over Japan like that which has delayed decisions on the future of Germany and Austria.

The American position was laid down in a note made public today by the State Department which rejected a Soviet demand that the Japanese peace treaty be worked out by the Council of Foreign Ministers of the United States, Russia, Britain, and China alone.

Similar machinery, but with France instead of China taking the fourth hand, was worked out at the Potsdam conference to draft the treaties for Italy and the Balkan satellites of the Nazis, and for Austria and Germany. But American diplomats recently found they were stymied by Russian "veto" under procedure that required a unanimous vote of the four.

No Veto
In the 11-nation conference the United States seeks, the de-

cisions would be made by a two-thirds vote. This would prevent Russia or any other single nation by itself from blocking its work.

The conference also would meet the demands of the other countries, notably Australia, for a voice in the Pacific treaty drafting.

Thus far all except Russia of the 11 powers have agreed to attend. The others, besides the United States, are Britain, Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands, France, the Philippines, India and Canada. No definite date has been set for the meeting but the note said it will be held "in the near future." — Associated Press.

104 MEN THOUGHT DEAD IN U.K. MINE BLAST

Whitehaven, Aug. 17. Officials said today they thought 104 men died in Friday's explosion in the Williams Coal Mine beneath Solway Firth.

By dawn, rescue squads, working grimly through the night, had searched most of the diggings. A representative of the National Coal Board said the possibility of anyone being alive in the unexplored section was remote.

Authorities said the rescuers had not totaled the number of bodies located but that they numbered more than 54.

The blast caught 117 miners in the undersea shaft late on Friday, but 10 made their way to safety that night.

Three other survivors, shocked and bruised, stumbled into the arms of the rescue workers on Saturday afternoon.

Coffins Come
Trucks piled high with new coffins pulled up at the mine yesterday.

The three miners who were rescued alive—Daniel Hinde, John Hylbert, and James Welchman—had gone to the extreme end of

Slapped Down

Shanghai, Aug. 17. P. H. Ho, head of CNRRA, today announced the dismissal of Hsu Shih-chung as chief of the General Affairs Department for allegedly having given two slaps and a kick to a woman colleague during a quarrel on Thursday which developed over the allotment of relief goods to some 400 refugees from the hinterland.

The woman in the case was Miss Li Teh-wei, chief of CNRRA's Relief Bureau. — Associated Press.

China Trade Mission

Shanghai, Aug. 17. Chinese shipping circles here, refused representation in the forthcoming Chinese trade mission to Japan, have decided to dispatch a separate investigation party to that country, it was learned today.

The shipping group will confine their enquiries to Japan's present commercial condition and her future shipping programme, according to one Chinese source.

They also expect to be allowed to submit suggestions to both SCAP and the Far Eastern Commission for a satisfactory settlement of the important Japanese reparations question.

Chinese shipping circles here today voiced strong criticism of the Government's action in rejecting their representation in the official trade mission.

Contending that shipping was considered an important factor in every nation's foreign trade, they pointed to the recent Indian-British trade mission to China, which they said included men prominent in shipping.

Bicycles
Meanwhile, Chinese bicycle manufacturers are said to have called a protest meeting over the reported arrival of 2,000 Japanese bicycles in Shanghai.

These vehicles, costing about one-half the price of similar machines produced locally, will drive the Chinese bicycle industry to bankruptcy, they importation is not controlled, one manufacturer said.

He added that a delegation will probably be sent to Nanking this week to petition the Central Government for measures to protect the industry.

In Nanking, a spokesman of the Ministry of Economic Affairs emphatically denied a report that the import of Japanese cotton yarn and cotton cloth would be permitted following the resumption of private Sino-Japanese trade.

It was reported that a newly-formed Directing Committee for trade with Japan had ruled that only artificial silk, which is urgently needed in this country, and communication and industrial equipment for China's reconstruction would be imported from Japan. — Reuter.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting in a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m., and 6.30 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.62 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 7.30 to 8.30 and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m.

2.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—Studio—Don Dalry Tilo with Call Leslie (Vocalist), "Gone with the Wind".

12.47 p.m.—Barry Wood (Vocal) with Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.14 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.14 p.m.—Studio—Leslie with "Amore and Anne".
1.30 p.m.—BBC Transcription Service: "Amore and Anne".

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
2.30 p.m.—Gerardo and his Orchestra in a Variety Programme.
7.00 p.m.—Alfredo and His Orchestra.

7.15 p.m.—Light Piano Music.
7.30 p.m.—Studio: "I Like What I Like".
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8.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News.
8.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.
8.15 p.m.—Studio: Vocal Recital by Molly Portall (Contralto) with Piano Accompaniment by Betty Drown.

8.30 p.m.—"Parade".
8.45 p.m.—BBC Transcription Service: "Call Yourself a Detective".
9.15 p.m.—"Mood in Music".

9.30 p.m.—London Philharmonic Orchestra.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.
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TRIPLE PROBLEM

In Washington this week British and American experts will begin discussions on the problem of the Ruhr. This month in Paris the European Co-operation Commission will also discuss the Ruhr. Daily in the Soviet press will be found discussion of the future of the Ruhr. Round the fate of that valley of north-western Germany every problem of European economics and European politics is centering. The Ruhr district is the richest single coalfield and has the most intense concentration of heavy industry in the world. It was not only the economic foundation of Germany's military power. It was also one of the foundations of the whole economic system of the European continent. The annual production of coal was nearly 150,000,000 tons. Today the coal output is only between 50,000,000 and 70,000,000 tons a year. There is a deficit of between 80,000,000 and 90,000,000 tons of coal and 20,000,000 tons of steel in Europe's annual production which is the direct result of low Ruhr productivity. That is the economic problem of the Ruhr.

It is a triple problem. To what level shall Ruhr production be raised—or be permitted to be raised? How can it be raised? Who are the future owners of this great economic organism to be and how shall it be controlled in order to ensure that it does not become again the nucleus of aggressive militarism? On the first point there is no dispute as far as coal is concerned but as regards steel there is sharp disagreement. The British thesis is that 12,000,000 tons of steel a year are necessary to balance German economy and supply peaceful needs; the Americans and Russians consider this figure might endanger security. The second point—how production can be raised—has caused an attack on British administration which, it is suggested, is responsible for the low rate. The Americans say our administrators are too Socialistic; Russian critics accuse us of being agents of capitalistic monopolies; Germans complain of over-much British control in detail; the French urge that control be more detailed. The fact seems to be that the administrators, do what they will, are caught in a series of vicious circles. Mechanically, production cannot be increased without more equipment, more rolling stock, but these cannot be provided without more steel and, more steel cannot be produced unless more coal and coke are available.

Production is the main concern of the Washington talks but the question of the future ownership of the mines is bound to come under discussion. Are they finally to come under some form of public ownership or to revert in some day to private ownership? It is impossible to find a body of private owners and the mines cannot be returned to the former owners, for the most important of these are in confinement as war criminals or high Nazis and certainly could not again be entrusted with such property. Nor can other individual Germans be found with capital to buy so vast an undertaking, while to vest so large a part of the wealth of Germany in the hands of foreign individuals or foreign firms could create complications and dangers that would far outweigh any conceivable advantages. Some form of socialization seems inevitable if only because there is no practical alternative.

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THE TRADE UNIONS AND THE CRISIS

By
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from the Trade Union standpoint. The unions will not readily relinquish, of course, their responsibility to their membership in framing and pressing their claims for increased wages. But undoubtedly the Trades Union Congress General Council and the executives of the Unions will respond to the Prime Minister's appeal, addressed to the workers in all industries, not to press at this time for an increase of wages or changes in conditions of working hours, especially where these increases are put forward on the basis of maintaining differentials between the various categories of workers on the basis of former practice etc.

Cooperation

The reference here is in part to wage claims by unions for increases consequent upon the successful application of workers in related industries for increased wages. Trade union leaders are reluctant to see any

been, of course, considerable clamour for what is described as "a national wages policy", but no positive definition has been given of the scope of such a policy—and the wages question arises at the present time mainly out of the impossibility of transferring workers from relatively highly paid employment to less well paid jobs. The full implications of the wages question, therefore, have still to be considered and it is one that bristles with difficulties.

The co-operative attitude of the Trade Union Congress towards the Government's emergency programme finds a further illustration in that the Trades Union Congress General Council has recommended consultation with the industries specifically involved in the Government programme with a view to deciding how far an extension of the hours is imperative as a contribution to the necessary increase in production, especially in the export trades. This support of the principle of longer working hours does not imply any desertion of the trade union policy of reducing the working week to forty hours on a five day basis.

It was always recognized by the responsible trade union leaders that it would not be possible to reduce the working week from forty-eight hours to forty at a single stroke. The trade union movement was prepared to see the hours reduced in stages from forty-eight to forty-four and eventually to forty; but the country's needs in this period of economic crisis comes first in the calculations of the Trade Union Congress.

Reds Try To Boost Zone Production

Berlin, Aug. 16.

The Soviet have introduced the "Stakhanovite" system of industrial production in their zone to make up for man-power shortages, the confidential news bulletin "Sopade" of the Socialist Democratic Party reported today.

The man-power shortage was caused by war losses and the large number of unreturned war prisoners.

Women have also been enrolled on a large scale for work in mines and factories in the Soviet zone in another effort to help, the Sopade said.

The confidential bulletin of the Socialist Democratic Party asserted that 11 percent of all German working women in the Soviet zone are employed in soft coal mines, five percent in salt mines, 3.5 percent in iron ore mines and 3.3 percent in hard coal mines.

The Stakhanovite system of production, developed in the Soviet Union before the war, is a system of rationalized production consisting of a team of workers who divide among themselves the component parts of a single job in order that the team captain who completes the job may do his own particular operation at a faster pace.

The confidential bulletin reported that Stakhanovites in the Soviet zone receive extra food rations, longer vacations and titles of "hero of reconstruction" and "work pioneer."—United Press.

TIGHTENING THE BELT

Cambridge, Aug. 17.

The Australian Prime Minister, Joseph B. Chifley, announced today that the Cabinet had surveyed "the economic position as it affects the United Kingdom and the position regarding dollar imports by Australia and Australia's sterling balances in London."

The Cabinet has decided to impose severe rationing on the use of dollars for travel, direct expenditure on tobacco, motion pictures and all imports of less essential character "and recommendation of newspaper imports."—Associated Press.

TRIESTE BOMBS

Trieste, Aug. 15.

One man was injured by a bomb thrown in Trieste's main street last night, during the second evening of street clashes between Communists and Italian Nationalist groups.

The police reported that 16 were injured and 10 arrested during 12 hours of disorder.—United Press.

CARNIVAL By Dick Turner



"Pardon the looks of the house, Mr. Van Hoy—it looks like maybe the little woman misplaced her gloves again or something!"

A Bleak Future For China

Shanghai, Aug. 15. China has suffered more in two years following Japan's capitulation than in any two years in her long struggle against the Nipponese aggression.

At no time during the eight-year war of resistance did this country—which has not known days of peace since the turn of the century—face so utterly bleak a future as it does today. During the war there was the

ultimate goal of liberation ahead. Today, ravaged by bitter fratricidal strife, flood, famine and cruel inflation, the Chinese people are universally disillusioned and feel mostly despair.

On August 15, 1945, the nation experienced a temporary delirium confidently predicting the rapid advent of the millennium. But two short years have provided an emotional roller coaster down a road that in history, China, nominally victorious, is undeniably worse off today than her vanquished neighbor—Japan.

It is true that Nippon now has no navy—but China's sea-power is still in its infancy. The Japanese Army has been demobilized and partly reabsorbed into industry and agriculture. Tokyo's budget is free of crushing military expenditures and no blood is spilled in Japan.

The discontent manifested itself in the student demonstrations which are now banned by a decree. Newspapers critical of the government have been suspended or closed. Martial law is in force in several non-combat areas.

The people—considerably less enthusiastic about their rulers than in 1945—are in the main apathetic to the civil war. Warnings posted in public places by the government against discussion of military matters bring cynical smiles to their faces. Their chief concern today is their next meal.

Two war is unique in that no actual battle lines exist. "Areas of infiltration" and "fighting zones" can be pointed out on the map but to a large extent persons in these regions, if they desire, can cross the "no man's land" patches into the opposing camp.

Reports of wide conscription on Red-held areas have filtered through but, there seems no comparable economic disruption, particularly in food distribution.

Wide suspicion is entertained in non-Communist China of the Soviet Union following the stripping of Manchuria's industry and unrelaxed grip on Dairen and Port Arthur.

The United States, loudly acclaimed as the savior of the Far East in 1945, is today regarded as a treasure house. The Chinese view the Westerner mission as their last resort. Meanwhile, they feel that no developments could be made under conditions which are much worse than they were.—United Press.

PRESS PHOTOGRAPHER RULED OUT

Rome, Aug. 17.

An American press photographer today was refused permission to photograph Lt. Gen John Lee's special train. Gen Lee's Public Relations chief, Major James Edmunds, said that because the train was furnished by the Italian Government, the photographer would need permission from the Italian Government before the train could be photographed.

Earlier, guards at the train said it could not be photographed because it was being repaired.—United Press.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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FOUR-FOUR DESIRABLE

There is just one standard exception to the desirability of playing a hand in a major suit contract when one player has four trumps opposite four by his partner. That comes when each has three cards in each of the three side suits. When that condition prevails, there is no opportunity to cut down losers by ruffing them, as would be the case if either partner had a doubleton or singleton. Even then the major suit is a safer contract unless each of the side suits is well plugged with stoppers.

S-A 8 4 3

H-K 8

D-8 6

C-K J 8 5 4

S-J 5

H-6 6

D-Q 10 7 4 2

C-Q 7 3 2

S-K Q 10 2

H-A 9 7 4 3

D-K J 5

C-10

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)

South	West	North	East
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2S	Pass	3S	Pass
3NT			

Both North and South were un-sound in their final actions—South by bidding 3NT, North by accepting it. The result was a 3-2 split in the aces and a 10-9 trick game. The declarer gave it the best play, no matter what the defence did.

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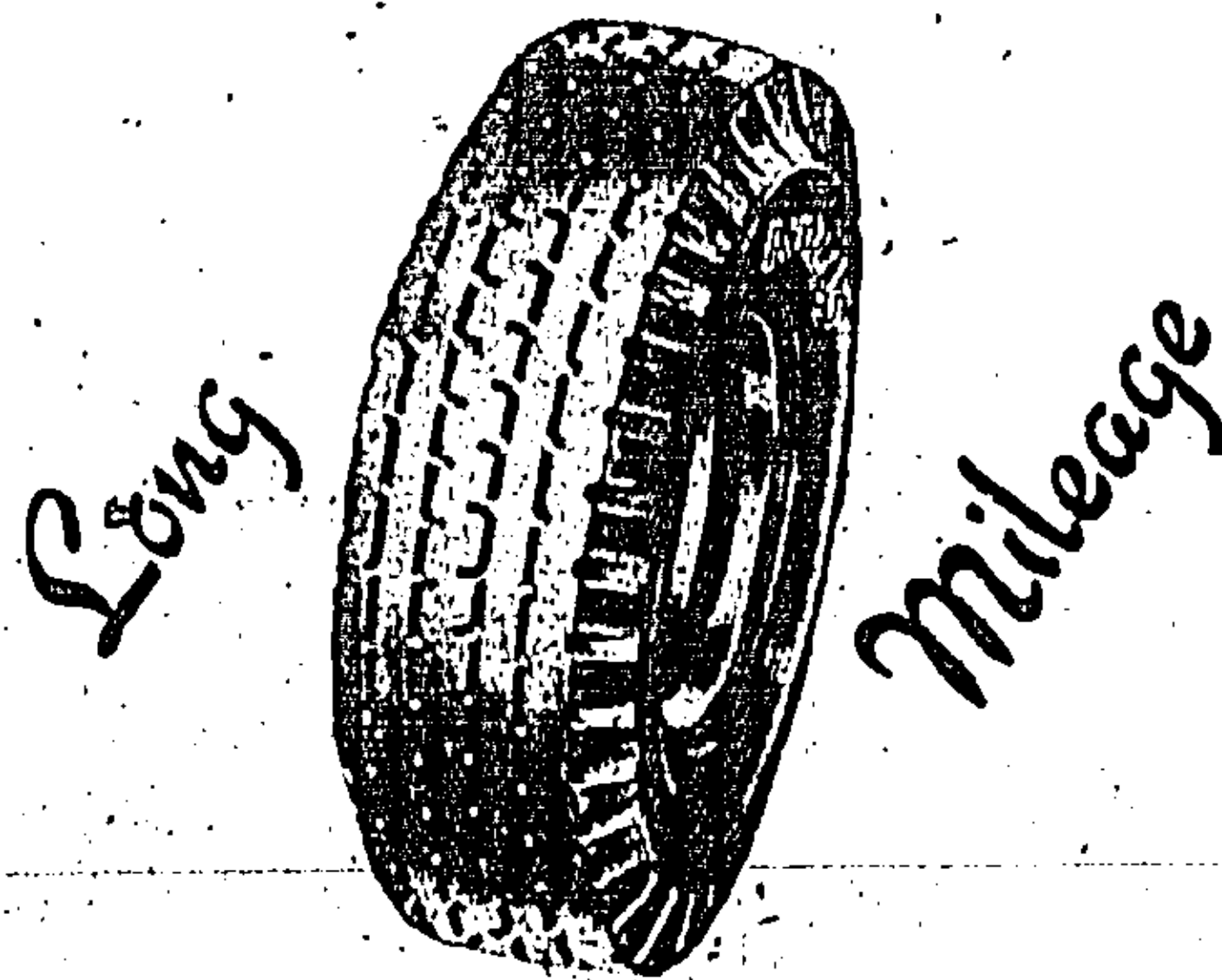
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REBEL LEADER PROCLAIMS FREE GREEK "REPUBLIC" Guerilla Activity Stepped Up

London, Aug. 17.
The Greek guerilla leader, General Markos, in a secret broadcast today, proclaimed Greece a Republic, the Exchange Telegraph reported from Athens.

The Exchange dispatch stated that Markos in his broadcast said "Greece is a Republic free and independent" because the plebiscite which approved of King Paul and the Glucksburg dynasty was rigged.

General Markos called upon the Greek people to approve the freedom to be granted by the Markos regime.

He reportedly said that until the Republican Government was formed the Government will be controlled by the high commander who will hold all legislative and executive powers. All orders issued by the high commander, he said, will be submitted for approval to a general assembly which will be called.

Greek announcements and press dispatches reported a sharp increase in guerilla activity in the North within the past 48 hours.

Hundreds of village homes were burned and many casualties suffered by both sides. The reports followed last night's broadcast of the guerilla headquarters radio, asserting that headquarters of General Markos Vlahos, guerilla chieftain, had assumed authority for administration a "democratic government" until such time as a provisional government is formed.

Latest advices on the intensified guerilla activity ranged from Western Thrace to Western Macedonia.

Free State

In Salonika, Third Army Headquarters said guerillas were using heavy mortars of a type not available to the Greek army. The rebel broadcast was viewed as the first step toward establishment of what some informants have termed a "Free Communist" state in northern Greece.

BLACK LISTS DENIED

Athens, Aug. 17.
The Ministry of Merchant Marine has issued a denial of reports quoting the Leftist Federation of Greek Maritime Unions which alleged the existence in Greece of black lists for Greek seamen and claimed that those whose names appeared on such lists were prevented from finding employment on ships.

The statement added that arrests in Argentina and New York were made on the initiative of the local authorities. — Reuter.

JAP ASSASSIN REPATRIATED

Sasebo, Aug. 17.
Konichi Nakakita, who assassinated Japan's first commoner Premier Kei Hara on April 11, 1922, has been repatriated from Manchuria and is en route to Tokyo.

Nakakita, his face masked, stepped from a crowd at the Tokyo station and stabbed Hara, whose death virtually ended Party politics in Japan and opened the way for extremists.

Nakakita was sentenced to life imprisonment but was freed in 1934 and went to Manchuria. He intends to live in Japan with his mother and sister. — Associated Press.

WORLD WAR THREE, SAY GENERALS

Fort Worth, Texas, Aug. 17.
A poll conducted by the Fort Worth Star Telegram said that a majority of retired Army generals living in San Antonio, one of the nation's largest army centers, believe the United States will be fighting World War III within five years of Thursday's second anniversary of V-J Day. — Associated Press.

SIX DEAD IN CRASH

Montevideo, Aug. 17.
At least six persons, four of them United States citizens, were missing believed dead last night after the crash of a four-engine Sikorsky flying boat in the sea off Montevideo.

Three men found clinging to a wing of the wrecked craft were rescued. — Associated Press.

ALL HOPE LOST FOR CHINA PLANE

Thiava, Aug. 17.
All hope for the safety of Brian Sorvann, son of the British Labour Member of Parliament, and 25 others last since a Chinese aircraft disappeared in north-western China on July 31 has been abandoned.

The only other foreigner aboard the missing aeroplane was an American newsman, Barbara Stephens. It is generally surmised here their plane crashed and burst into flames which destroyed it. If this assumption is correct it would be difficult for search planes to spot the missing machine. — Associated Press.

Hollywood Moves In

London, Aug. 17.
The calm of a little village in Berkshire was broken when Hollywood actress Paulette Goddard and her husband, Burgess Meredith, took up residence at the Bell and Dragon, a 400-year-old country inn, in preference to a London apartment.

Now the old inn is filled to capacity with local people who want to get a glimpse of the famous American motion picture stars.

Paulette and Burgess, here working on a film for Sir Alexander Korda, found the inn while motoring in Berkshire one day, and moved in the following week. Every day after film work ends the couple meet and drive to the inn. They like the calm atmosphere and the simple life. — Associated Press.

GREEK COALITION TO BE RESHUFFLED

Athens, Aug. 16.
A reshuffle of the Greek Cabinet is expected to follow shortly on the return from the United States of M. Constantine Tsaldaris, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister. The coalition formed seven months ago under the premiership of M. Demetrios Maximos is showing signs of wearing thin and hints have already been given by M. Maximos that changes will be made.

M. Tsaldaris, who went to the United States to present the Greek case on guerilla activities to the United Nations Security Council, is understood to have also touched upon the subject during his talk with the United States Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, when the Greek domestic and foreign situation was reviewed in the light of the recent Greek Government memorandum.

According to well-informed Populist Party sources, M. Tsaldaris, as leader of the Parliamentary majority, considers that the reasons for which the present Coalition Cabinet was formed last November are no longer valid and the programme of appeasement which he scheduled then is no longer applicable.

This is because:

1. The rebels did not respond to the Government amnesty offer.

2. The United Nations Border Commission's investigations produced abundant evidence of interference by Greece's neighbours in guerilla warfare, and

3. President Truman's speech and the United States aid to Greece have modified Greek domestic speculation.

Therefore, M. Tsaldaris is said to argue, the Populist Party, with the cooperation of its former associates, the National Liberals led by General Gonatas and the groups under General Napoleon Zervas and M. A. Alexandris, is prepared to claim the right to form a new Cabinet, "united, stronger and in full accord with the constitution, since it would have the support of the majority in the present Chamber."

Obstacles

A second solution suggested here is that the two historical parties of Greece, Populists and Liberals, compose their differences and join forces in a Cabinet of "national salvation," including such Parliamentary elements as were prepared to seek a peaceful solution.

The obstacle to such a solution of the political crisis in Greece is the difference of opinion

Threat To British Officers' Billets

Vienna, Aug. 16.
Several British top officers temporarily evacuated Sacher Hotel, British senior officers transient billets in the heart of downtown Vienna, last night after two anonymous phone calls were received by the management warning that the hotel was "going to be blown up."

British officials said the military manager of the hotel, Capt. W. Paige, received two phone calls shortly after 10.30 p.m. giving a warning in English to evacuate the hotel before it was bombed.

The authorities said the Austrian police immediately searched the hotel premises but nothing was found.

The British authorities said that no general alarm was circulated among the guests to evacuate the hotel but several "voluntarily" went into the street while a search was being conducted.

Sacher was the scene of an unsuccessful "suit case" bombing on Aug. 4. — United Press.

BARRIO TO FORM CABINET

Paris, Aug. 16.
Spanish exile President Martinez Barrio today accepted the proposal made by Premier Designate Alvaro de Albornoz that he form a new cabinet composed solely of members of republican parties and without the participation of Communists and Socialists.

The left Republican Alvaro de Albornoz, who is now in Mexico, yesterday cabled to Martinez Barrio his acceptance to form a new government replacing that of Rodolfo Llopis, which resigned last week. Sixty-eight-year-old Albornoz is expected in Paris next week to begin forming the new cabinet. — United Press.

SOCIETY WEDDING IN LONDON

London, Aug. 16.
Baroness Marie Therese du Four, step-daughter of the Swiss Minister in London, Dr. Paul Ruegger, was married here today to Captain William Armstrong, only son of Lord Armstrong, member of the armaments firm of Armstrong Whitworth. — Reuter.

opposed by members of Parliament who realise that unless they give a blank vote of confidence to this extra-Parliamentary Government, it would ask the King for a decree for the dissolution of the Chamber. — Reuter.

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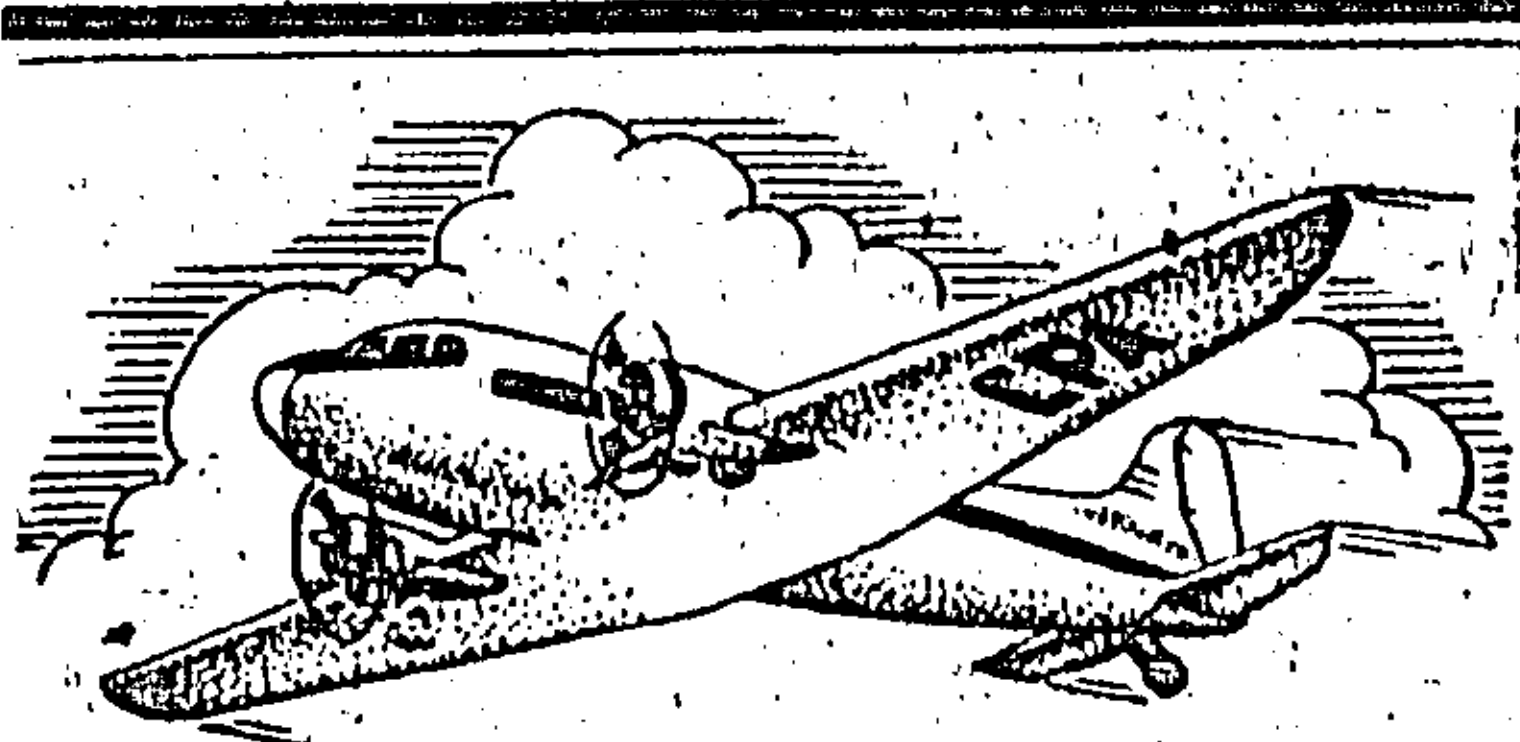
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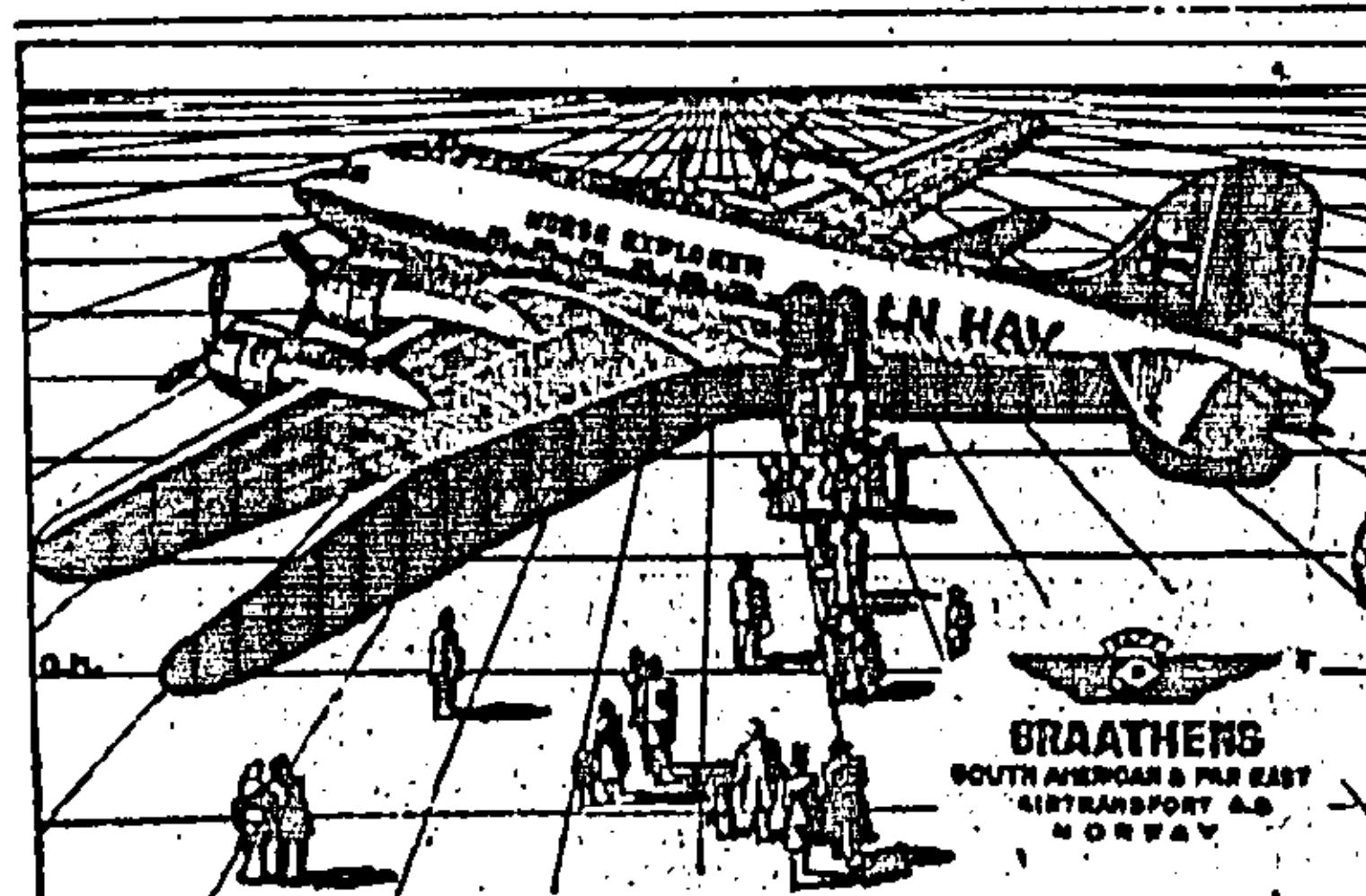
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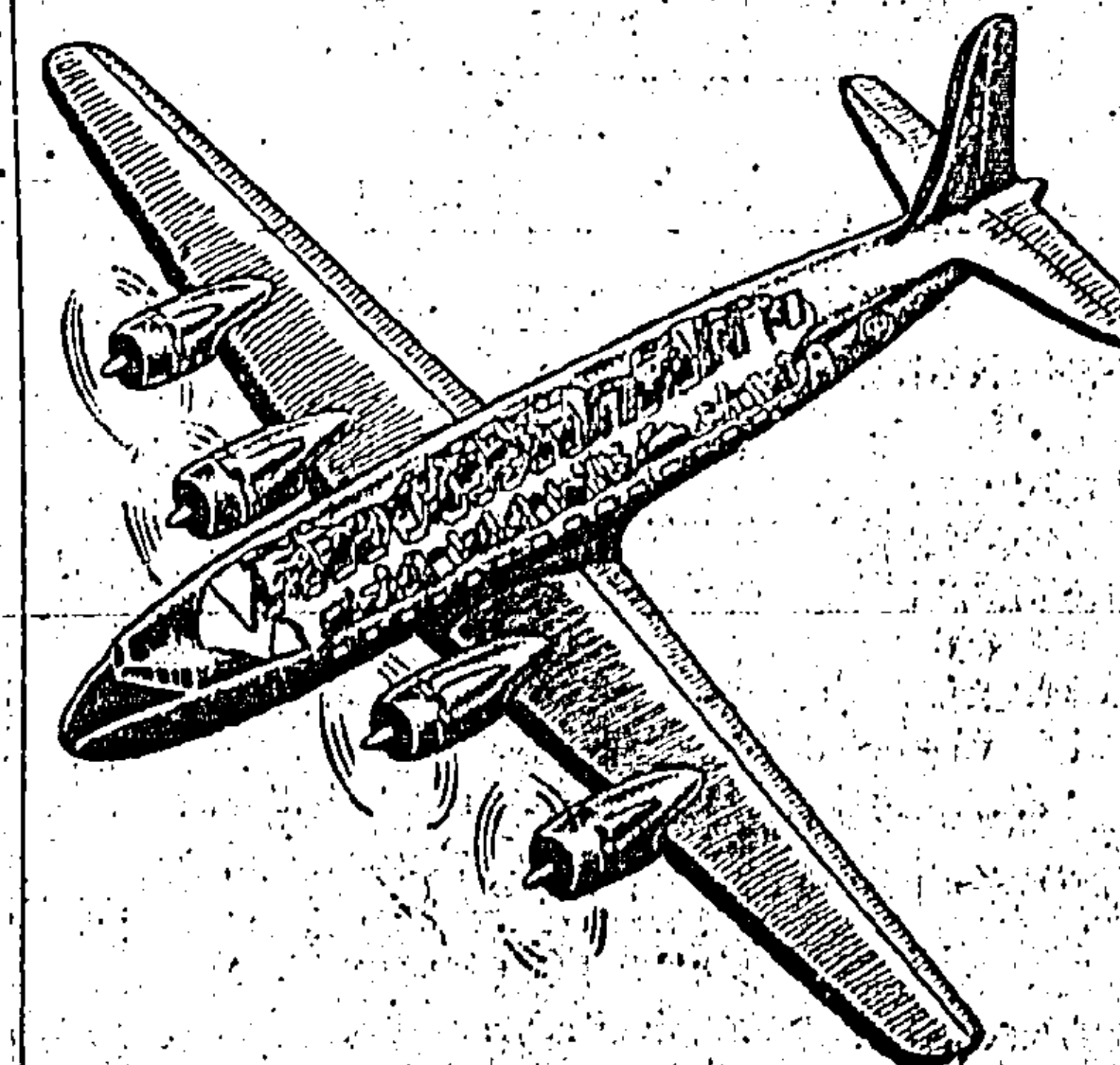
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TARIFF TALKS STALLED

Conference Warned Of Further Delay

Situation Not Satisfactory

Geneva, Aug. 16. The Trade and Employment Conference was warned today by its organizing body that unless something drastic was done about tariff negotiations immediately, several more months would be needed before they came in sight of a conclusion.

The warning came from the tariff working party which had been set up to pave the way for tariff negotiations which have been in progress in Geneva since early April.

Reports, describing the situation in the tariff negotiations as far from satisfactory, urged the speeding up of talks if the target dates of Sept. 10 and 13, respectively, were to be met.

The warning came as the conference secretariat put out an official progress report announcing the termination of 22 tariff negotiations, with 10 more nearing completion.

The report disclosed that 83 negotiations, representing 90 per cent of the total trade involved in the 105 negotiations now in pro-

Seaweed Rayon Process

Capetown, Aug. 17. Scientists in Britain have produced an unbreakable light-weight wear-resisting and unshrinkable wool textile, said Professor J. B. Speakman, head of Leeds University Department of Textile Research, who has arrived in Capetown on a visit to South Africa.

A fine-fibred merino wool, such as the South African product is eminently suitable for the new process, he added.

The process uses seaweed rayon as means of producing fibre weighing one-and-a-half ounces to the yard.—Our Own Correspondent.

CHRYSLER PRICES HIGHER

Detroit, Aug. 17. The Chrysler Corporation announced prices increases ranging from \$45 to \$150 on passenger cars and trucks effective from Aug. 18.

The firm followed the lead of General Motors, Packard, Hudson, Kaiser-Frazer and Nash-Kelvinator companies in boosting car prices this month.

Chrysler blamed higher labour and material costs for the increase.—Associated Press.

ZURICH FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Zurich, Aug. 16. Zurich On London 17.35, New York 4.30, Paris 3.62, Brussels 9.87, Amsterdam 162.30, Lisbon 15.18, Buenos Aires 105.50, Stockholm 119.03, Madrid 39.75.—Reuter.

Buenos Aires, Aug. 16. Sovereign, buyers 65.50, sellers 67.50; U.S. \$20 Eagle 16.00, 110.00; Gold, Bar, Gramme, 5.50, 5.50.—Reuter.

Anglo-U.S. Talks

While a number of agreements have been successfully concluded between smaller countries or between countries where little trade is involved, almost all the major issues on tariff negotiations are still open after four months of negotiating, competent conference quarters said today.

Listed in sequence of importance, the United States and United Kingdom tariff negotiations rank first, with some 60 per cent of all items involved hitherto agreed on, but some 40 per cent remaining open with a deadlock on a substantial proportion of them.

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BRITISH MISSION LEAVES

London, Aug. 16. The British Economic Mission which is to discuss Britain's dollar position with officials in Washington, left London by air for the United States tonight.

The mission is headed by Sir Wilfrid Eady, joint Secretary to the Treasury, and includes Sir Edmund Hall-Patch, Deputy Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office.—Reuter.

Federal Reserve Bank Returns

New York, Aug. 16.

Assets: Gold certificates on hand and due from U.S. Treasury \$19,094,000,000; Total discounts and advances 183,000,000; Total gold certificates reserve 20,307,000,000; Total U.S. Government securities 22,030,000,000; Total loans and securities 22,215,000,000; Total Assets 46,020,000,000.

Liabilities: Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation 24,145,000,000; Deposits member-bank reserve account 10,428,000,000; Total deposits 18,481,000,000; Total Liabilities 45,020,000,000; Gold stock 21,611,000,000; Money in circulation 28,223,000,000; Ratio of gold certificate reserves to deposits and federal reserve note liabilities combined 47.8.—Reuter.

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Dull Week In Share Market

New York, Aug. 17.

The stock market regained its equilibrium during the past week but that was about the best that could be said for it.

For the second straight week there was not a million share session.

Commodities continued to rise and bonds were narrow. Share transactions largely were in the hands of professionals who covered short commitments or bought sparingly on the idea that the substantial reaction of the two preceding weeks had served as a normal technical correction of the broad rise since mid-May and put the list in shape for a autumn rally if the news warrants.

Many skeptics remained on the selling side, however, due principally to the darkening British and European economic skies in addition to doubts regarding the business outlook at home.

Fears that the inflationary wage-price spiral eventually would lead to a "burst" also restrained customers.

Most of the week's markets were among the narrowest for over two months.

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Survivor Found On Raft

Shanghai, Aug. 17.

The UNRRA fishing vessel, the "Washington," radioed Shanghai today that it had picked up a man from a raft who claimed he had been there for 24 days and was the only survivor of a Japanese ship, which he said exploded while en route from Fusan to a Russian destination.

The man (a Korean) was on a raft formed by planks lashed on two oil drums.

He was picked up by the "Washington" about 50 miles south of the southernmost tip of Korea.

UNRRA Fisheries, which received the "Washington's" message, directed the vessel to proceed to Tsingtao.

Meanwhile, two Americans, their identities still unknown, were reported to have been drowned when one of the four tugs which left Manila for Shanghai on August 4 foundered.

The tugs were surplus sold to China and were bound for Kiangnan dockyard here to be taken over by the Chinese Navy.

No other details were available except that the remaining three tugs are scheduled to put into harbour here tomorrow.

Associated Press.

JAP COTTON ROUSES OUTCRY IN MANILA

A third shipment of 8,400,000 yards of Japanese cotton textiles bought by the Philippine Government in Japan through SCAP is due to arrive here next week, as public clamour grows against resuming trade with the late enemy.

The coming shipment was the one which the Government attempted to cancel through representations in Washington for fear that anti-Japanese feeling would be such that the Government's development company would be unable to dispose of the material. The United States Credit Corporation, however, refused to cancel the sale.

The Philippine Chamber of Commerce in a moderate report to President Manuel Roxas has formally protested "against any plan to resume business relations with Japan until after a peace treaty with that nation has been concluded and the value of reparations which Japan should pay to the islands determined."

The Chamber's attitude was based on the recollection that the Philippines always had an unfavourable trade balance with Japan.

Little To Gain

Dr. Salvador Araneta, who drafted the Chamber report, pointed out "the Philippines has very little to gain by an early resumption of Japanese trade with the world."

Dr. Salvador said it would hamper the industrialization programme outlined by the President and would make it more difficult to obtain reparations from Japan once machinery intended for reparations are geared to Japan's economy.

Many businesses were following the lead of an old and important Manila concern, Soriano and Company, which said before the war "we never had business relations with Japan and we do not intend to have any now."

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Macao Smugglers Thrive

Macao, Aug. 17. The reported anti-smuggling agreement soon to be concluded between Hong Kong and China is not expected to have any effect on smuggling activities here.

These continue at a high level of operation. Although Chinese Customs patrols have been greatly strengthened, at least two vessels calling at Samtiang (in the Sinhu district) got through the blockade yesterday.

Two more are scheduled to depart for Chungshan today. Despite the increase in Customs patrols between Hong Kong and Canton, traders are now taking a roundabout way via Macao where facilities for illegal traffic are still available.

In the past few weeks about 2,000 bags of flour (150 pounds each), several hundred drums of kerosene and lubricating oil, and bales of Indian cotton were brought to the interior every week from Hong Kong.

Ship Held Up

Meanwhile, the Sin Tai On, which was alleged to have fought its way through the Customs guards and inflicted some casualties, was detained by the harbour authorities at the request of the Customs.

Another incoming vessel, Wing Hing, was seized while a third, Hing Fat, escaped.

Customs gunboats from Kowloon made several successful visits to Chungshan, seizing a large quantity of contraband—United Press.

European Customs Pact

Paris, Aug. 17. France and Italy were lined up at the 10-nation European Economic Conference today in favour of a continental customs union, while Britain was on record for a special study of the idea.

Herve Alphand, chief of the French Foreign Ministry's Economical Section, gave his Government's views in commenting on an Italian proposal of two days earlier that the European nations form a customs union, an arrangement for imposing and collecting customs duties in common.

Alphand said France was considering such a union with Italy no matter what the other countries might do.

Earlier Sir Oliver Franks proposed that a "study group" be set up to look into the customs union idea and consider the possibility of including all British Dominions in any union for Europe. He said that because of the relations within the British Commonwealth his country could not make any "hard and fast commitments."

—Associated Press.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

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COTTON FOR JAPAN

Charlotte, N.C., Aug. 17.

The "Charlotte News" said a cotton waste deal of seldom-equalled volume was closed when the Commodity Credit Corporation bought 7,730 bales of comber and 4,550 bales of strip for export to Japan.

This report indicated that the CCC as yet has not disclosed the prices quoted in the accepted bids. The CCC accepted offerings of comber from 18 dealers and strip offerings from a like number of dealers, the "News" said.—Associated Press.

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ENGLAND HAS 311 FOR 6 IN FIFTH TEST

London, Aug. 16. A partnership of 98 runs in 100 minutes by Len Hutton and Dennis Compton, and another stand of 93 in 100 minutes by Norman Yardley and Kenneth Cranston, today helped England to score 311 runs for the loss of six wickets in the first innings of the fifth and final Test match against South Africa at the Oval.

The match, to be continued on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, had nothing but reputations at stake, as England won the series by three straight victories after the opening match was drawn.

England, winning the toss and batting first, lost two wickets comparatively cheaply, for 30 runs before Hutton and Compton got together to score at almost

a run a minute until they were both out with the total 187. Then Cranston and Yardley notable for stemming crises, and Cranston added 93 in 100 minutes for the fifth wicket before Cranston, jumping in to drive Rowan, was stumped.

Cranston hit six fours during his stay of 100 minutes. Yardley, batting stylishly and never appearing in difficulties, completed 50 in 107 minutes and altogether batted 135 minutes and hit six fours.

Howarth and Evans safely played out the remaining 15 minutes during which they added 21 runs.

The Scoreboard

ENGLAND—1st Inns.

Hutton, b. Mann	83
Compton, c. Tuckett, b. Rowan	53
Yardley, b. Mann	59
Cranston, stumped, Fullerton	93
Rowan	45
Washbrook, lb.w., b. Mann	32
Robertson, b. Wellesley	4
Smith	4
Howarth, not out	17
Evans, not out	10
Extras	8
Total (for 6 wickets)	311
Fall of wickets: 1/63, 2/89, 3/178, 4/178, 5/271 and 6/290.	

Bowling

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Buckett	23	5	63	0
Dawson	27	4	52	0
Mann	50	21	67	3
Rowan	28	7	73	2
Smith	15	0	48	1

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ULSTER GRAND

Belfast, Aug. 16. The Ulster Grand Prix today regained its position as the world's fastest motor cycle road race.

On a course, on which the far was melting under 80 degrees of heat, A.R. Foster on a 500-cc Velocette for one spell had a recorded speed of 111.23 miles per hour.

Winner of the 500 cc class was A.J. Bell of Belfast on a Norton, with an average speed of 91.25 miles per hour.

Second was E. Lyons also on a Norton, and third place went to J. M. West on an AJS with 90.43 miles per hour.—Reuter.

U.K. SWIMMING

London, Aug. 17. Jack Hale of the Hull Kings-ton Club retained his Amateur Swimming Association long distance championship over three miles in the Serpentine, London, on Saturday.

Hale's time was one hour 13 minutes 30.2 seconds and he won easily from H. H. Judd of the South London Club with 1.10.45.

The women's three-mile title was won by Elizabeth Hill of Croydon in one hour 24 minutes 56.4 seconds.—Associated Press.

Bromwich Scores By Fine Baseline Play

Australia's Jack Bromwich, playing a brilliant versatile game from the baseline, yesterday defeated Czechoslovakia's Jaroslav Drobny, 6-2, 7-5, 6-4, earning Australia the right to challenge the United States defending champions for the Davis Cup at Forest Hills (New York) on Aug. 30.

Bromwich's straight set triumph over Drobny, rated as Europe's finest player, gave Australia three victories in four matches.

Bromwich, by winning again, served notice in the United States that he is out for revenge.

It was his failure to perform as expected which was considered the chief factor in America's triumph over the Australians last December when the United States regained the Davis Cup without losing a match.

The tall, tanned Bromwich, outwitting and outmanoeuvring Drobny, capitalized on halfling forecourt placements to move ahead early in the first set.

Australia's Dinny Pails beat Czechoslovakia's Vladimir Cernik in the fifth match, 6-3, 4-6, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

The Australian victory was unnecessary as the victory over Czechoslovakia was already clinched.

Czech Hold-Up
In New York, a prominent official of the United States Lawn Tennis Association, commenting on the New York Times, said that the Czech champion, Drobny, would be a great attraction in the American singles championships.

In New York Miss Margaret Osborne and Louise Brough of California today concentrated on their power to win the opening singles matches in defence of the Wimbledon Cup.

They gave the United States a 2-0 lead over Britain in the international tennis classic.

Margaret Osborne rallied in the final set to beat Mrs. Jean Nicholl, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.

Louise Brough easily beat Kay Stammers, 6-4, 6-2.—United Press and Reuter.

British Play

Torquay, Aug. 16. Dulp, Doce, Indian Davis Cup player, and Mrs. H. R. Phillips of Britain, won the Mixed Doubles.

Football Team For Bangkok

The South China football team, which is visiting Bangkok and Burma, leaves this morning by plane for Bangkok. The team is expected to be away for a month and on their return journey will play at Manila.

The team is under the management of Mr. Chan Ching-to. The secretary is To On-chau and the trainer Teddy Ip.

The following are the members of the party:—Tan Kwan-kon, Lee Kwok-wai, Lam Yue-sun, Lau Hing-choy, Cheuk Shek-kam, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Tung-kee, Tse Kam-hung, Tsang Chung-wan, Hung Hing-yuk, Lee Shek-yau, Tse Kam-ho, Lee Yuk-tak, Lo Wai-kuen, Lau Wing-kwong, and Lee Tak-kee.

Several of the above were not playing members of South China last season but have been invited. These will probably be playing for their own clubs in the League.

U.S. ATHLETES SCORE

Vienna, Aug. 16. The American athletic touring team won ten out of 15 events against Austrian and Italian teams during an athletic meeting at the Vienna stadium today sponsored by the Austrian Olympic Committee.

Bob Filch of the American team made an unsuccessful attempt to break the world discus throw record. He had a throw of 52.68 metres. Filch won both the discus and putting the shot events.

Other American winners were Allen Lawler, who won the 100 and 200 metres in 10.4 and 21.3 seconds respectively; J. Moormann, who won both the high jump (1.90 metres) and the pole vault (4.30 metres); Lloyd Simons, who won the 800 metres flat in 1 minute and 54.3 seconds, and Houdon, who won the 400 metres flat in 40.1 seconds.

The United States team won the relay over 400 metres.—Reuter.

U.S. BASEBALL

Pirates Set Back St. Louis Cardinals

New York, Aug. 17. The National League pennant hopes of the St. Louis Cardinals were set back by the seventh place Pittsburgh Pirates on Saturday, 12 to 7. The Pirates smashed seven homers and the major league record was tied with 10 circuit clouts in one game. All Pitts-

burgh's runs came on homers. Ralph Kiner homered three times, giving him 35 this season and five in two days. Hank Greenberg got his 22nd and 23rd homers and Billy Cox got his 10th and 11th. For St. Louis, Whitey Kurowski homered twice and Terry Moore once.

Bobby Bragan's pinch double in the ninth inning scored Pee Wee Reese, putting Brooklyn 5½ games in front in the pennant race as the Dodgers beat Philadelphia 5 to 4.

Eddie Miller and Grady Hatton sparked a two run ninth inning rally which enabled Cincinnati to defeat Chicago 7 to 6 and regain fifth place in the league standings.

In the American League Johnny Lindell's single with the bases loaded in the ninth gave New York a 4 to 0 victory over Boston and stretched the Yankees' league leadership to 13½ games.

Washington lost its fifth straight game, the Philadelphia Athletics defeating the Senators 5 to 2.

National
St. Louis 12, Pittsburgh 7, Brooklyn 5, Philadelphia 4, Cincinnati 7, Chicago 6, New York 4, Boston 0, Washington 0, Philadelphia Athletics 5, Senators 2.

American
Boston 0, New York 4, Philadelphia 12, Washington 2, Cincinnati 7, Chicago 6, Brooklyn 5, Pittsburgh 7, St. Louis 12, Philadelphia Athletics 5, Senators 2.

Evansville, Aug. 16. Miss Louise Suggs, of Lithia Springs, Georgia, won the second straight women's western amateur golf championship today, beating Carol Dillinger of Tiffin, Ohio, nine and eight.—United Press.

Chinese Reds Get A First Injection

Shanghai, Aug. 17. Two thousand Chinese Communists, who arrived here on Friday from Manchuria as prisoners, are under quarantine during the voyage from Hailuo.

Newsmen who visited the ship found doctors busy treating patients and administering anti-cholera inoculations to others in an attempt to check the spread of the disease.

They described conditions aboard as "nauseating". Prisoners in uniform were particularly miserable, they said.

The Communists are to be transported to Hankow for 're-education and re-indoctrination'.—Associated Press.

Record Crowd Watch County Cricket Champions

London, Aug. 16. The Cheltenham cricket ground could not hold all those who today wanted to see the county cricket match between the two top teams, Middlesex and Gloucester, which in all probability will decide the county championship.

After an official attendance of 14,500, a ground record, was admitted, the gates were closed to thousands still seeking admittance.

Wickets fell cheaply, the first innings being completed and Middlesex lost their star, Bill Edrich, in the second innings.

No less than 21 wickets fell on a pitch responsive to spin and at the end of the day Middlesex, who had made certain of first innings points, led Gloucester by 38 runs.

The Middlesex batting broke down badly against the off-spin bowling of Tom Goddard, veteran who toured India with the M.C.C. in 1937/38. Goddard took seven wickets for 70 runs in a total of 180. However, Middlesex hit back hard, getting rid of the top three Gloucester batsmen for 49 before tea, and the collapse continued after the interval.

James Sims captured six wickets for 65 and Jack Young four for 55. Gloucester scored 153 and Middlesex 180 in their first innings. In the second, Middle-

Ames' 2,000

Kent's star, Leslie Ames, reached his 2,000 runs for the season today.

Closing scores: At Manchester: Lancashire 332 (Brierley 70, Place 105, Ikin 67) Nottingham 39 for one.

At Dover: Kent 487 for 5 declared (Todd 125, Ames 127, Valentine 61, Davies 84 not out) Leicestershire 49 for 2.

At Chesterfield: Derbyshire 216 (Elliott 52, Bailey, left-arm slow bowler, 7 for 62) Hampshire 90 for 6.

At Birmingham: Sussex 330 (James Langridge not out 65, Pritchard, right-arm fast bowler, 6 for 54) and 4 for no wickets, Warwickshire 118.

At Cardiff: Surrey 178, Glamorgan 105 for 5 (Watkins not out 54).

At Weston-super-mare: Northamptonshire 230 (Timms 52, Meyer 7 for 74) Somerset 164 for 8.

At Worcester: Yorkshire 402 (Smithson 60, Watson 147, Sellers 82) Worcestershire 14 for 1.—Reuter.

SING TAO TOUR

London, Aug. 17. The Sing Tao Club's footballers went into training at Stamford Bridge, home of Chelsea Football Club, in heat wave conditions which left the Hong Kong footballers completely happy.

Norman Smith, Chelsea trainer, put the Chinese through their routine for an hour. They impressed critics with their ball control.

Sing Tao opens their tour on Saturday, Aug. 23, with a game against Dulwich Hamlet.—Associated Press.

BOXER DIES AFTER FIGHT

North Adams, Mass., Aug. 17. Glenn Newton Smith, 23, middleweight boxer, died of injuries suffered on Friday night in a bout with Sam Baroudi.

Smith, knocked out in the ninth round of a scheduled 10-round fight, apparently died of a cerebral hemorrhage caused by a blow to the base of the skull.—Associated Press.

Judo Versus The Noble Art

Rio de Janeiro, Aug. 17. The ancient dispute over the relative merits of boxing and wrestling is being revived here by Hello Gracie, 150-pound claimant to Brazil's ju-jitsu championship.

Naturally, Hello leans toward the art of grappling as opposed to punching. In fact, he is so confident of the superiority of ju-jitsu that he would like to have a chance to test it against Joe Louis, the Brown Bomber, and world-heavyweight champ.

Hello says he is willing to tangle with Louis any place at any time, and he is perfectly willing to stipulate that if Louis lost such a fight he still could claim the world boxing championship.

When a reporter suggested that Hello might be interested in such a match, Hello replied: "But he would be interested if enough money were put up and I'm sure that there would be."

CANADIAN GOLF

Bolschate, Quebec, Aug. 17. Frank Stranahan, United States Walker Cup star from Toledo, Ohio, won the Canadian Amateur Golf Championship on Saturday, defeating Bill Ezinicki of Toronto 6 and 5 in the 36-hole tournament final at the Royal Quebec Golf Club.—Associated Press.

A notable performance was that of Wing-Commander Donald Finlay, former Olympic hurdler, who in his 40th year outclassed today.

With a sparring partner who outweighed him and had a longer reach, Hello gave a demonstration. Dressed in the typical short kimono of the ju-jitsu practitioner, he was mighty convincing.

When he approached the defender of boxing's honour, who was ungloved, he suddenly leaped in to the air, grasped an outstretched arm between his left and right arm and dived his man.

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LOUD PRAISE AND BLAME FOR CHURCHILL

London, Aug. 17. Editorial comment today on Mr. Winston Churchill's broadcast followed political party lines with reaction ranging from praise as its best one of his greatest speeches to criticism that it appealed to the nation to sabotage the Government's crisis plans.

Mr. Churchill's statement "I offer you no eas passage; an intense struggle for life will have to be made by all" was repeated like a refrain in most newspapers and compared with his 1940 "Blood, toil, tears and sweat" speech.

The Conservative Sunday Chronicle said: "He declared war on monopoly and restrictive practices and shows that it is only along a path of freedom that Britain can reach salvation."

"The speech will rank among the greatest he has ever made," The Labourite Reynolds News said. "Mr. Churchill went on the air last night to appeal to the nation to sabotage the Government's plan for overcoming the crisis."

"Stripped of its masterly rhetoric that is the stark reality of a speech which will do immeasurable harm to the well-being of the British people both at home and abroad."

The Sunday Graphic said: "Churchill finds words to sum up a moment in a measure of his own as a leader."

The Sunday Dispatch said: "The Labour Government drop further Socialist plans, the interests of national unity United Press."

The Observer said Mr. Churchill was justified in attacking the Labour Government but he "should not set out merely to discredit the Government's policy."

Jamaican Runner Takes British Amateur Cup

London, Aug. 16. Arthur Wint, tall coloured runner from Jamaica, proved himself to be the best half-mile runner in Britain today when he won the 800-metre event during a match in which the British Amateur Athletic Board beat the Combine Services team at the White City Stadium today.

The match was styled an official pre-Olympic trial and all track events were over metric distances.

A crowd of 10,000 in glorious weather saw Wint humble Tom White, 28-year-old A.A.A. half-mile champion and one of Britain's brightest Olympic hopes.

In fact so unimpressive was White's display and so tired did he finish that he could not even get second place. Aircraftman H. Parlett scrambling home in front of him.

Wint, who was running for the Services, won by ten yards, clocking 1 minute and 50 seconds, an excellent effort, only 1/5 of a second outside Tommy Hampton's 1932 Olympic record.

Although supplying eleven winners in the 13 events, the Services lost the match by 134 points to 137. Encouraging feature was the double of auburn-haired Army captain Harry Whittle in the 400 metres hurdles and long jump—a repeat of the A.A.A. championships.

He was a very easy winner of the hurdles event, having about 10 years to spare over his nearest rival.

Best Finishes
The best finishes were provided in the 200 and 400 metres events, in which inches only decided the issue. Officer Cadet P. Valle won the 200 metres in 22.1 seconds, while Sergeant-Instructor D. Pugh just got home in the longer distance in 49 seconds.

A notable performance was that of Wing-Commander Donald Finlay, former Olympic hurdler, who in his 40th year outclassed today.

He will undertake the problem of settling Hindu fanatics who joined the army of displaced persons during the "great killing" which commenced a year ago today with the first of Calcutta's mass rioting.

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He was reported already to be preparing to move from his present headquarters at Bellashatta where crowds during the past few days have shown him to be as popular as ever.

Meanwhile, reports of no disorders in Lahore and Punjab flooded into New Delhi today.

It was understood the Commander in Chief and Governor of East and West Punjab would meet Sunday at Ambala, 100 miles east of New Delhi, to consider joint action.—United Press.

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